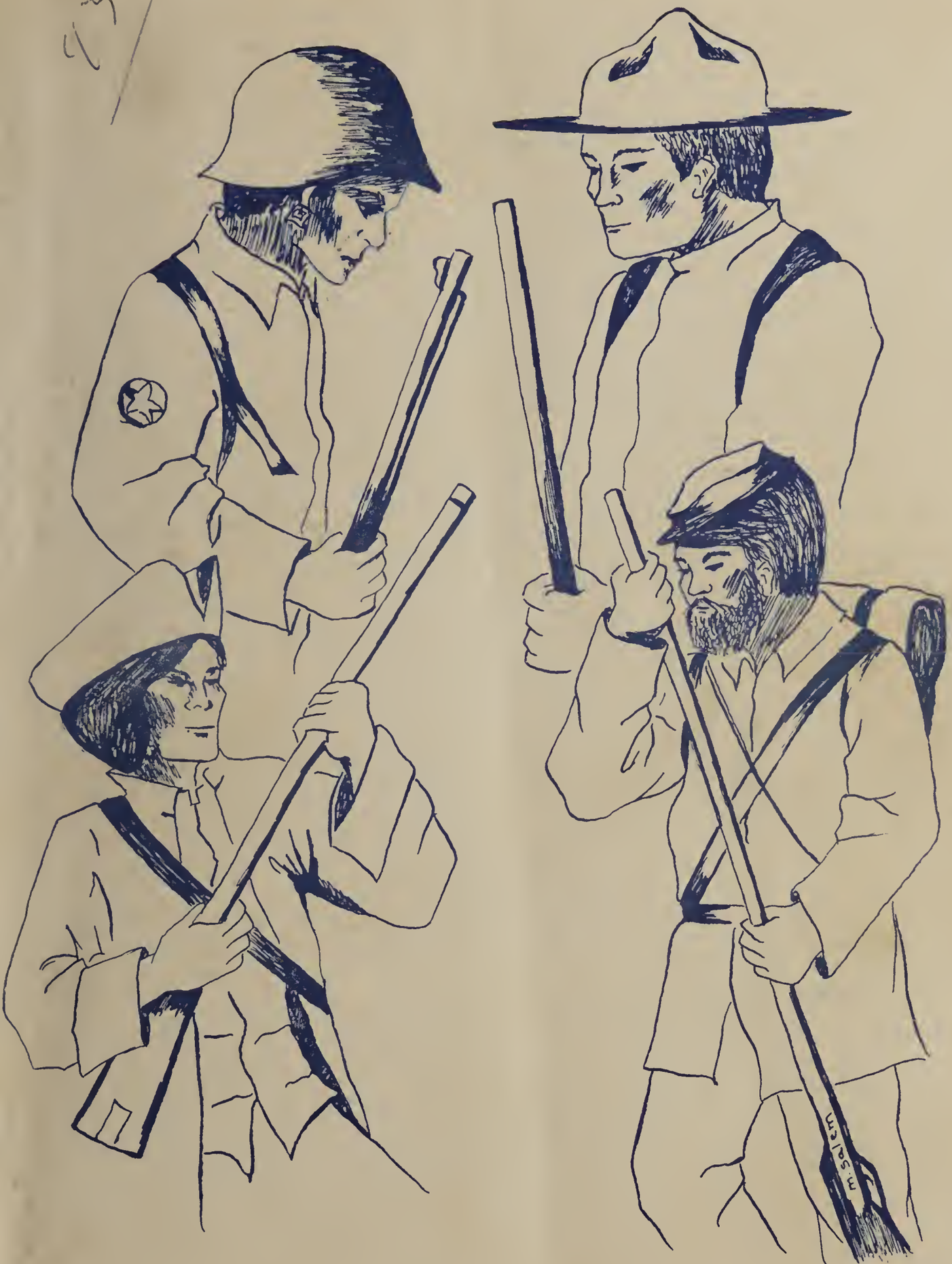

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OUR BI-CENTENNIAL YEAR

As our country begins the celebration of its' 200th birthday, it is fitting that the citizens of Oakham reflect on the sacrifices made by her young men and women.

Two hundred years ago the message rang throughout the land, "Be ready to bear arms at a minutes notice,"and ready they were. Men from Oakham served their country in her time of trial and need. They faced more than bullets, the enemy included cold, hunger and desperate homesickness. The victory finally came on September 3, 1783, and a new nation began her long struggle toward freedom and equality for all.

In the 1860's our young country again called her young men to bear arms. This was a different kind of war. It was father against son, brother against brother. It was a war that threatened the ideals and principals that our country fought so hard to attain less than 100 years before.

Once again the citizens of Oakham answered the call to arms. Once again the enemy went beyond cannon fire and bullets. A great many men survived these to fall to disease and internment in prison camps. Many more men spent the rest of their lives without limbs because of our limited medical knowledge.

Our men returned and a Soldiers Union was formed. Through their generosity money was raised and Memorial Hall was erected. It still stands in honor of those men who gave so much for their country.

World War I began thousands of miles from our shores, but, once again our citizens heeded the call. As in so many wars in the past the supreme sacrifice was made once again.

The world around us was getting larger and as always greedy men set their sites on conquest and "war" as the way to achieve their goals.

Most of us can still recall the years of World War II and the heartache of long years of separation from loved ones and the uncertainty that each day brought. Men returned home and hoped that their children would never know the horrors that they witnessed.

Since then we have sent our young men and women to Korea and Vietnam, places that once had been strange sounding names on maps in geography lessons. Once again they gave their all for freedom and justice.

As we begin our Bi-Centennial years it should be with grateful hearts that none of our young people are engaged in battles on foreign shores, so far away from home and loved ones. Let us pray that the lessons of the past 200 years have been learned and that never again will we have to see our young people march away to war.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICIALS

of the

Town of Oakham, Massachusetts

For the Year Ending December 31, 1975

Our Town Report is dedicated this year to the men of The American Legion, Oakham Post #378. This Post was formed in 1948 with 32 members, there were also 15 members in the Womens Auxiliary.

The aim of the Post through the years has been to promote citizenship and patriotism.

The men of our Legion Post have for many years been the moving force behind our Memorial Day Observances.

Because of their strong interest in the children of our community they have sponsored an essay contest each year. The winners are announced during the Memorial Day services. It is their hope that through research the children will become keenly aware of their history and heritage.

The men of our Legion Post have served their country in both World War I and World War II. They do not in any way glorify war, they are keenly aware of its horrors and consequences. They are interested in fostering good good citizenship, patriotism and the hope of lasting peace in our land.

There is a member of our Legion Post who deserves special recognition. He has been an active member of the American Legion for 52 years. He was not born in our country but has adopted it as his own. This man has for years raised the flag during our Memorial Day Program. He gives a snappy salute and steps back to gaze on "Old Glory". There is always a smile on his face as he watches the flag move in the wind. And so, we say a special thank you to Walter Zelnia for his years of faithful service.

Our Legion Post participated in the flag raising ceremonies at our new school last year. To hear our National Anthem, and to see our nation's flag flying over this new building that has been dedicated to the education and training of our children, was indeed a thrilling moment.

The Town of Oakham appreciates the fine job being done by this dedicated group of Veterans. It is fitting that in this our Bi-Centennial year, we should remember the men and women of Oakham who served their country in her time of need.

OAKHAM'S NEW SCHOOL

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1975

THREE YEAR TERMS:	TERMS EXPIRE
SELECTMEN	
James Barringer	1976
Roger H. Lonergan, Chairman	1977
Hazel M. Young, Clerk	1978
TOWN CLERK	
Donna L. Neylon	1976
TREASURER	
Lloyd W. Buckley	1977
TAX COLLECTOR	
Gwendolyn E. Sanford	1978
MODERATOR	
Frederick H. Lane	1976
ASSESSORS	
Eva F. Grimes, Chairman	1976
Leonard W. Hardy, Jr.	1977
Gary W. McEachern	1978
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Mae E. Kawaky, Clerk	1976
Franklyn J. Riley	1977
Ernest W. Posson, Chairman	1978
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Chad C. Osborne, Quabbin Representative	1976
John H. Barringer	1977
Carol R. Spinney, Chairman	1978
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
Dorothy V. Lupa	1976
Joan M. Dahl	1977
William A. Sampson, Chairman	1978

THREE YEAR TERMS:	TERMS EXPIRE
CEMETERY COMMITTEE	
Calvin C. Stewart	1976
Robert A. Lindquist	1977
W. Aubrey D. March	1978
CONSTABLES	
Harold E. Black, Sr.	all
Charles T. Casault	terms
Walter E. Cole	expire
Wesley H. Dwelly	1977
Roger H. Lonergan	
Randall F. Packard	
TREE WARDEN	
H. Roscoe Crawford	1978

FIVE YEAR TERMS:	TERMS EXPIRE
PLANNING BOARD	
Samuel B. Patch, Rep. to CMRPC	1976
John D. Neylon, Jr., Clerk	1977
Hazel M. Young	1978
W. Aubrey D. March, Chairman	1979
Robert A. Lindquist, Alt. Rep. to CMRPC	1980

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR:

FINANCE COMMITTEE	
Richard W. Bechan, Chairman	1976
Leroy C. Spinney	1976
Bettyanne Parsons, Clerk	1977
Robert P. Wile	1977
Jane B. Carroll	1978
Robert W. Buron	1978

FIVE YEAR TERMS:	TERMS EXPIRE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE	
Lionel A. Lajoie, Jr., Chairman	1976
Robert W. Buron	1976
Roger H. Lonergan	1977
James F. Zelnia	1977
Suzanne Bullard, Clerk	1978
Gordon R. Cole	1978
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE	
John H. Barringer	1976
Richard W. Bechan	1976
Robert W. Buron	1976
Roger H. Lonergan	1976
John D. Neylon, Jr. Chmn.	1976

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reports of the

Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen

Tax Collector

Treasurer

Planning Board

Parks and Recreation Committee

Lake Dean Improvement Association

Bi-Centennial Committee

School Building Committee

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS - 1975

MARCH
21--Christine May Marzoll, daughter of Michael W. and June R. (Crawford) Marzoll
21--David Joseph Richard, son of Arthur J. and Susan M. (Pantanella) Richard

APRIL
3--Clinton Loyde Nolette, son of Jeffrey L. and Laurie S. (Crawford) Nolette
18--(un-named) Yuknavich, son of Alfred J. and Patricia V. L. (Amorelli) Yuknavich

JULY
18--Laura Gayle Mucha, daughter of William H. and Marna L. (Dawson) Mucha

AUGUST
25--Allen James Hevy, son of Arthur D. and Cathy L. (Seever) Hevy

SEPTEMBER
5--Paul Edward Skowyra, son of Ronald P. and Robin (Young) Skowyra
22--Matthew James Magish, son of Joseph G. Magish, III and Suzanne J. (Savickas) Magish
23--Rebecca Lynn Drolet, daughter of Jeffrey M. and Jody A. (Dunshee) Drolet Pearson

OCTOBER
10--Amy Jo Patrick, daughter of William W. and Beverly A. (Pearson) Patrick

NOVEMBER
22--Tia Rae Paquin, daughter of Raymond E. and Leatrice (Stoddard) Paquin

MARRIAGES - 1975

MARCH
29--Leonard R. Vogel of Oakham and Marjorie E. T. Karnila of Oakham

MARRIAGES - 1975

APRIL

12--Charles L. Auclair of Oakham and Nancy J. Fournier of Oakham

MAY

24--Jeffrey M. Drolet of Oakham and Jody A. Dunshee of Barre, Mass.

28--Walter W. Nelson of Oakham and Dorothy P. Day of Oakham

30--Timothy H. Bennett of No. Brookfield, Mass. and Robin Guntor of No. Brookfield, Mass.

31--Robert E. Duplisea of Oakham and Deborah M. Whitney of No. Brookfield, Mass.

JUNE

7--Kirk R. Sampson of Oakham and Phyllis S. O'Donnell of Barre, Mass.

JULY

19--William C. Dermody of Oakham and Cecile A. D. Manning of East Brookfield, Mass.

19--Roger C. Munn, Jr. of Oakham and Cynthia A. Sinclair of Old Furnace, Mass.

AUGUST

3--James F. Bealand of Oakham and Ruth B. Goulet of Worcester, Mass.

10--Harold C. Black of Oakham and Stephanie Morse of Ware, Mass.

30--Dennis W. Casault of Oakham and Marcia C. Travernier of Oakham

SEPTEMBER

13--George S. Smichinski of Oakham and Kathleen F. B. Birtz of Rutland, Mass.

13--Gary J. Chestna of Oakham and Patricia L. Harmon of Leicester, Mass.

13--Gary R. LeBlanc of Holden, Mass. and Wendy Jo Ellstrom of Oakham

20--William F. Graves of Oakham and Bernice M. W. O. Lewis of Oakham

20--Stephen J. Wilson of Oakham and Rita J. Despres of Ware, Mass.

MARRIAGES - 1975

OCTOBER
3--Randall F. Packard of Oakham and Denise K. Josephson of Oakham
11--John H. O'Connell of Oakham and Margaret M. Vincent of Hubbardston, Mass.
12--Roy R. DuVerger, Jr. of Oakham and Sandra L. Norris of Worcester, Mass.
18--Richard Michael Lam of Ware, Mass. and Shelly Mae Wells of Oakham
24--Ronald W. Wilkins of Oakham and Maureen C. Murphy Ramsey of Worcester, Mass.

NOVEMBER
30--Carl R. Mascroft of Oakham and Jeanne M. Tippin of Oakham

DECEMBER
31--Stanley Wayne Mascroft of Oakham and Brenda Sue Collins of Oakham

DEATHS - 1975

	Y	M	D
JANUARY			
29--Mary C. Conant, Maple Street	84-	3	-21
MARCH			
4--Marjorie Goodwin, North Brookfield Rd.	78-	6	-29
15--Stephanie G. (Glass) Nelson, Ware Corner Rd.	83-	1	-24
APRIL			
13--Edward J. O'Donnell, Old Turnpike Rd.	74-	5	- 1
22--Wilfred L. Olson, 1085 Main St., Leicester, Mass.	54-	4	-28
JUNE			
2--Jennie May (Harris) Hudson, Hapgood Rd.	86-	0	- 1
JULY			
8--Ruth Josephine (Gilespie) Cherbuy, Hunt Rd.	83-	3	-24
14--Haven Whitney Goodwin, North Brookfield Road	80-	3	-14

DEATHS - 1975

	Y	M	D
AUGUST			
2--Alice A. (Buck) Hutchins, Coldbrook Rd.	91-	7	- 4
23--Eleanor L. (Rose) Wareing, Coldbrook Rd.	103-	2	-26

NON-RESIDENTS BURIED IN TOWN:

MAY			
14--James K. Leyden, Worcester	68-	2	- 4
JUNE			
22--Laura G. Barr, Brentwood, New Hampshire	100-	1	-16
AUGUST			
12--Mildred Jane (Nickerson) Poole	89-	4	-12
SEPTEMBER			
1--Elmer F. Fisher, Webster, Mass.	91-	11	-28
DECEMBER			
13--Mary C. (Haley) Greene, Barre, Mass.	87-	4	- 8

DOG LICENSES

109	Males @ $3.00	327.00
25	Females @ $6.00	150.00
69	Spayed Females @ $3.00	207.00
4	Kennels @ $10.00	40.00
0	Kennels @ $25.00	0.00
1	Kennels @ $50.00	50.00
207		774.00
	Fees retained @ $.35	72.80
	Net Return	701.20

The Dog year begins on April 1, and pets should be licensed by that date. The Clerk usually receives the license books by March 20th. About half of the licenses issued each year are thru the mail and those issued at the Annual Rabies Clinic (sponsored by the Board of Health at the Fire Station each spring). The following information is needed for a dog license: Name and address of Owner, name of dog, breed, color, sex (If the Dog is a Spayed Female, the Spayed Certificate must be

shown the first time that it is licensed.) Dogs are supposed to be licensed when they become three months of age.

The dog tag, which is given with the license, is important in helping to find a lost pet, or in identifying the owner of a stray dog. Strays should be reported to the dog officer within twenty-four hours. Duplicate dog tags, to replace lost ones, cost only 10 cents and are made up by the Town Clerk.

It is a State Law that all dogs MUST be vaccinated for Rabies every 24 months. Watch the newspaper for the date of the next Board of Health Rabies Clinic and save some money for yourself!

SPORTING LICENSES

68	Resident Fishing, Series 1 @ $8.25	561.00
35	Resident Hunting, Series 2 @ $8.25	288.75
39	Resident Sporting, Series 3 @ $13.50	526.50
9	Resident Citizen Minor, Series 4 @ $6.25	58.25
0	Resident Alien Fishing, Series 5 @ $6.25	00
3	Non-Res. Season Fishing, Series 6 @ $14.25	42.75
2	Non-Res. 7 Day Fishing, Series 7 @ $8.25	16.50
0	Non-Res. Small Game, Series 8 @ $20.25	00
0	Non-Res. Comm. Shooting Preserve 3 Day, Series 9 @ $16.25	00
0	Res.-Cit. Monor Trapping, Series 11 @ $11.50	00
8	Duplicate License, Series 12 @ $1.00	8.00
0	Resident Alien Hunting, Series 13 @ $16.25	00
1	Non-Res. Cit. Big Game Hunting, Series 14 @ $35.25	35.25
6	Res. Cit. Sporting over 70, Series 15, FREE	00
0	Fishing-Parapl. Blind & Ment. Retarded, Series 16, FREE	00
0	Hunting-Paraplegic, Series 17, FREE	00
171		1,535.00
13	Archery Stamps @ $5.10	66.30
7	Water Fowl Stamps, Series 19 @ $1.25	8.75
191	Licenses sold	1,610.05

Less fees $.25 ea. License & Series 19 Stamps	41.00
Less Fees $.10 ea. Series 18 Stamp	1.30
NET RETURN	$1,567.75

***** NO LICENSES SOLD SUNDAYS *****

Licenses are required for all persons, male or female over 15 years of age for Fishing (in all inland waters) and Hunting (any bird or mammal). Trapping licenses are required for all persons 12 years of age and over.

All applications for anterless deer permits and bear permits must be accompanied by $.50 when they are mailed to Boston.

This is the Second Year that Water Fowl Stamps have been sold. They are very pretty and would add to your stamp collection even if you don't shoot water fowl! Don't forget both the Archery Stamp and the Water Fowl Stamps must be signed across the face for hunting purposes.

CENSUS

*****The results of the January 1, 1975 Town Census was 825 persons.

*****The results of the March 1, 1975 State Census was 846. See how much we grew in two months.

Both these Census include children.

*****There were 38 new registered voters for 1975 making a total of 504 registered voters as of Dec. 31, 1975

REMEMBER--You can register to vote when you are 17, but you cannot vote until the day before your eighteenth birthday. Once you are registered to vote you do not have to re-register again until you move from Town, or you marry and your name changes. It only takes a minute to register and you can call the Town Clerk and register at her home at your convenience.

LIST OF KNOWN NOTARYS OF THE PUBLIC

Ann M. Briggs, Ware Corner Road
Robert W. Bosse, Maple Street
Lloyd W. Buckley, Spencer Road
Ernest W. Posson, North Brookfield Road
Calvin C. Stewart, Coldbrook Road
Sumner E. Taylor, Jr., East Hill Road
Harry Vickers, New Braintree Road
Walter Wojcik, North Brookfield Road

ACTION TAKEN AT TOWN MEETINGS - 1975

Unless otherwise stated-all voters are oral and unanimous

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 28, 1975

ARTICLE 1
It was voted that the Town purchase a used 1948, Austin-Weston Road Grader; Federal Revenue Sharing Funds $3,000 of which appropriated for use by the Highway Department to be used to meet the cost of this purchase.

ARTICLE 2
It was voted that the sum of $5,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus for use to help meet the cost of Veteran's Services.

ARTICLE 3
It was voted that the sum of $8,000 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, approximately $6,500 of this amount to be used to pay off a note on the front-end loader owned by the Town and the balance to be used for ordinary maintenance.

ARTICLE 4
It was voted that the sum of $2,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus for use to help meet the cost of Snow Removal and Sanding.

ARTICLE 5
It was voted that the sum of $12,845, received from the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 825, Section 1, of the Acts of 1974, be appropriated for use

to help meet the cost of maintaining the streets and highways of the Town.

ARTICLE 6

It was voted that the sum of $419.24, received from the County in Dog Tax Refunds, be appropriated for use to help meet the cost of operating the Library.

There were 28 voters present.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 10, 1975

Votes on election of officers have been omitted. For appropriations not included, see department reports.

ARTICLE 1

It was voted that the Annual Reports of the several Town Officers be accepted as printed.

ARTICLE 2

It was voted that the results of the balloting be heard. Those results, as read by the Town Clerk are: (winners listed here only)

For Three Years:

Selectman: Hazel M. Young
Assessor: Gary W. McEachern
School Committee: Carol R. Spinney
Board of Health: Ernest W. Posson
Library Trustee: William A. Sampson
Cemetery Committee: W. Aubrey D. March
Tree Warden: H. Roscoe Crawford

For Five Years:

Planning Board: Robert A. Lindquist

QUESTION:

Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Oakham for the operation, holding, or conducting a game commonly called Beano?

YES: 178 votes, NO: 89 votes, BLANKS: 21 votes, with a total of 288 votes cast.

ARTICLE 3

It was voted that the following three persons be re-elected Field Drivers for the coming year:

Eva F. Grimes, Rutland Road
Harold E. Black, Jr., Coldbrook Road
Harold C. Black, Coldbrook Road

ARTICLE 4

It was voted that the salaries of all elective officers be fixed as follows:

Moderator	$ 40.00
Selectmen	680.00
Treasurer	700.00
Tax Collector	700.00
Assessors	700.00
Town Clerk	700.00
School Committee	150.00
Library Trustees	50.00
Cemetery Committee	50.00

Oral and Carried

ARTICLE 5

It was voted that the matter of determining what compensation the Town will pay for men and equipment used on the streets and highways be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 6

It was voted that the following amounts be raised and appropriated for use to pay salaries, expenses and outlays of the various departments: (totals only)

For General Government	$ 13,742.00
For Public Safety	16,150.00
For Health and Sanitation	4,900.00
For Streets and Highways	29,000.00
For Public Assistance & Veteran's Services	7,250.00
For Schools and the Library	277,828.00
For Recreation and Unclassified	9,682.97
For Cemeteries	1,400.00
For Interest and Maturing Debt	65,680.00

Making a total of $425,632.97 to be raised and appropriated for Article 6.

ARTICLE 7

It was voted that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue of the twelve month period beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the General Laws

Chapter 44, Section 4, and Acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 8

It was voted that the sum of $7,475.00 be raised and appropriated for use in conjunction with and in addition to any funds to be alloted by the Commonwealth and/or the County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town Roads, funds to meet the Commonwealth and County shares of the cost of the work to be borrowed in anticipation of reimbursement under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended.

ARTICLE 9

It was voted that the sum of $1,381.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction and/or improvement of Town Roads as requested by the Selectmen of the Town and that the sum of $23,619.00 be borrowed under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 10

It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 11

It was voted that the sum of $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of a Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 12

It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 13

It was voted that this report, as printed and amended, be accepted as a report of progress and that the sum of $100 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of the School Building Committee. The following is the amendment to the report in the Town Report Book, as read by the Chairman of the School Building Committee, John D. Neylon, Jr.:

"Since this report was written, the members have met at scheduled meetings ten times in the past 9 weeks, added to the over 40 meetings attended by the members in 1974, this represents many hours of hard work.

On January 31, 1975, Chairman Anthony A. Lupa resigned

from the Committee; the Moderator appointed Robert W. Buron to return to the Committee to fill the vacancy. The members then elected myself as their new Chairman.

On March 5th we went thru the Substantial Completion Procedure and accepted the building as Substantially Completed by the Contractor, who has 65 days to finish up any odds and ends that may exist.

The only work left is the construction of Deacon Allen Drive and the landscaping of the playareas. We hope to have the $40,000 that is in the Stabilization Fund to help us pay for this work. We will receive 65% reimbursement on any monies spent on this project and expect to put most of this money back into the Town by use of the Highway Department for all or most of this outside work."

At this time the Moderator appointed the following persons to serve the next 12 months on the School Building Committee, or until the next Annual Town Meeting:

John H. Barringer
Richard W. Bechan, Bechan Road
Robert W. Buron, South Road
Roger H. Lonergan, Old Turnpike Road
John D. Neylon, Jr., North Brookfield Road

There was a round of applause to thank Mr. Lupa for his many years of hard work on behalf of the Town on this School Building Project. There was a second round of applause to thank the other Committee members for their many efforts.

ARTICLE 14

It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 15

It was voted that the sum of $5,000 be raised and appropriated and added to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 16

It was voted that the report of the Committee for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the American Revolution, be accepted and that the sum of $100 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of this Committee. The following is the report of the above Committee as read by it's Chairman, Carol R. Spinney:

"The Committee for the Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution has had two meetings

at which many ideas for the celebration of our country's 200th birthday have been discussed. It is our purpose to involve as many of the organizations and individuals in the community as possible, and to coordinate activities. The committee welcomes suggestions and invites interested citizens to attend our meetings which are held at the library. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24."

Members: Dorothy P. Day, New Braintree Rd.
Charles R. Dean, North Brookfield Rd.
Marvell Mann, Scott Road
John D. Neylon, Jr., North Brookfield Rd.
LeRoy Spinney, Barre Road
Maude M. Stone, Maple Street
Carol R. Spinney, South Rd., Chairman

ARTICLE 17

It was voted that the sum of $40,000 be appropriated from the Stabilization Fund of the Town for use to help meet the cost of constructing the new elementary School.

ARTICLE 18

It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 19

It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 20

It was voted that the Town establish a Building Code Board of Appeals under the provisions of Article 2, Section 125 of the State Building Code. This Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, initial appointments to be one member for a term of five years, and one member for a term of four years, one member for a term of three years, one member for a term of two years and one member for a term of one year and thereafter each new member to serve for a term of five years or until his successor shall be appointed. The Board shall meet the qualifications required under Section 126.82 of Article 1 of the State Building Code and shall operate under the authority and provisions of said Code.

ORAL and carried

ARTICLE 21

It was voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to employ and designate a Building Inspector under

the provisions of Section 107.2 of Article 1 of the State Building Code. The Building Inspector shall meet the qualifications required under Section 107.5 of Article 1 of the State Building Code and shall operate under the authority of said Code.

ARTICLE 22

The motion was made to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8C of the General Laws, as amended, and establish the Conservation Commission of the Town of Oakham for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law, said Commission to be composed of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three years each, except that initial appointments shall be two for terms of three years each, two for terms of two years each and one for a term of one year and that there be established a Conservation Fund as authorized by law. It is further moved that the sum of $50. be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of such Commission and the sum of $1. be raised and appropriated for the purposes of the Conservation Fund. This motion was seconded. A representative of the Planning Board made the following amendment to the motion, which was denied by the Moderator:

"The Planning Board members would like to make a statement, as a Board, concerning the possibility of the Towns people voting on this Article. If you will notice, in our printed report on page 34 of this Town Report, this Board has done research on the Conservation Commission and its effect on the Town of Oakham, As this research is not yet completed and we have not been able to offer public hearings on the Commission to the Voters of this Town, we would like to recommend that this matter be passed over for the time being. The formal amendment to the motion being: I make the motion that this Article be passed over until the Planning Board can complete their research and hold public hearings before this article is again placed on an Oakham Town Warrant."

There was discussion, at which a gentleman from the Conservation Commission, Department of Natural Resources answered questions.

The vote on this original motion was oral and declared carried by the Moderator against the passing of the motion. It was declared defeated.

ARTICLE 23
It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 24
It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 25
It was voted that this article be passed over.

ARTICLE 26
It was voted that this article be passed over.

There were 125 voters attending this meeting and 3 guests.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 30, 1975

ARTICLE 1
It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $950. for the purpose of the Board of Assessors to begin a mapping program for the Town. Vote was by a show of hands. 4 No votes and the Majority Yes. Declared Carried by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2
It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $190 for the Town's continuing fair share, toward the aquatic vegetation control of Lake Dean.

Oral and Carried.

ARTICLE 3
It was voted that the Town of Oakham vote to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department by raising and appropriating $19,659.00 and by trading in a 1966 International Dump Truck. Vote on this article was by a show of hands and was declared carried by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 4
It was voted that the Town purchase a new dump body sander for the Highway Department and raise and appropriate $4,430. to cover the cost thereof. Vote was by a show of hands: 40 YES and 28 NO, declared carried by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 5
The following statement and motion was made by the Board of Assessors:

We, the Board of Assessors, are not in favor of this Article being passed at this time. We move, therefore, that this Article be tabled and that the Selectmen consider appointing a Study Committee, consisting of five residents, other than town officials. The purpose of such Study Committee being to study factoring-up as a means of Revaluation and how this could affect Oakham. The motion was seconded from the floor. After considerable discussion, the motion to table the Article was voted upon and declared carried by the Moderator. Vote was oral. A substitute motion to set up the Study Committee was amended and then withdrawn. Article 5 was defeated.

ARTICLE 6

It was voted that the sum of $1,000, received from the State as a grant for library purposes, be accepted and these funds be used to help meet the cost of operating the Library during the fiscal year 1975-76.

ARTICLE 7

It was voted that the name of the road leading from Adams Road to Gaffney Road be changed from George's Lane to Grace Lane and this be accepted as the official name for this road. Vote was by a show of hands and was declared carried.

ARTICLE 8

The Fire Department's Chief made the motion that this Article be passed over for the present time as the motor in question was not available. Other arrangements are to be made.
Oral and unanimous.

There were about 90 voters present.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 27, 1975

ARTICLE 1

It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of $10,000 for the construction of a road serving the new elementary school and that to raise said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow $10,000 under and persuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (5) of the General Laws and to issue at one time or from time to time, bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Vote on this article was by

written ballot (Yes - No Slips). The vote was 32 YES and 3 NO. The Moderator declared the Article carried.

ARTICLE 2

It was voted that the sum of $18,109.40 be appropriated from the Center School Account for use to help meet the cost of site development of the new elementary school.

ARTICLE 3

It was voted that the sum of $6,676.54 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account and that the sum of $540 be used to purchase an engineering transit for the Highway Department and the balance to be used for ordinary maintenance purposes.

ARTICLE 4

It was voted that the sum of $31.15, received from the County for Dutch Elm Disease Control purposes, be appropriated for use to help meet the cost of the Dutch Elm Disease Control program.

ARTICLE 5

It was voted that the sum of $1,059.80 be appropriated from the Compensation Insurance Account for use to help meet the cost of maintenance of the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 6

It was voted that the sum of $1,800.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus for use to help meet the cost of operating the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 7

It was voted that the sum of $893.10 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus for use to help meet the cost of Veteran's Services.

ARTICLE 8

It was voted that the sum of $100 be raised and appropriated for the purposes of the Board of Appeals during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1975.

There were approximately 45 voters present at this meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - DECEMBER 19, 1975

ARTICLE 1

It was voted that Chapter II, Section I of the By-Laws of the Town of Oakham be changed to read:

Chapter II, Section I: The annual town meeting shall be called at 12 o'clock noon on the first Monday of April of each year.

It was further voted that Chapter II, Section 2 (as amended) of the By-Laws of the Town of Oakham be changed to read:

Chapter II, Section 2 (as amended): The polls shall be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the first Monday of April of each year and shall remain open until 8:00 P. M. for the purpose of election of Town Officers and voting on such matters as may be voted for on the offical ballot; the meeting shall then be adjourned until 8:00 P.M. on the following or second Monday of April of each year at which time the annual town meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held. The election of officers shall be considered as part of the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2

It was voted that the Town appropriate $3,000 from funds received under the Federal Revenue Sharing Program of the Federal Govenment, these funds to be used for the purpose of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 3

It was voted that the Town appropriate $3,000 from funds received under the Federal Revenue Sharing Program of the Federal Government, these funds to be used for the purpose of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 4

It was voted to appropriate $800 from funds received under the Revenue Sharing Program of the Federal Government, these funds to be used by the Assessors in connection with their Mapping Program.

ARTICLE 5

It was voted to appropriate the sum of $12,845, received from the State under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 825 of the Acts of 1974, these funds to be used for the maintenance and repair of highways and bridges and for the enforcement of traffic laws of the Town. There were 29 registered voters present at this meeting and no guests.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPOINTMENTS

Highway Superintendent	Wesley Dwelly
Chief of Police	Norman L. Drolet
Fire Warden	Randall F. Packard
Wire Inspector	LeRoy C. Spinney
Inspector of Animals	Henry W. Stone, Jr.
Dog Officer	Dennis W. Casault
Veterans' Agent	Anthony A. Lupa Resigned 4-1-75 Josephine Stone 4-1-75
Burial Agent	Anthony A. Lupa To April 15, 1975 Josephine Stone 4-1-75
Custodian of Town Hall	Robert C. Phoenix
Town Counsel	Harry Vickers
Supt. Insect Pest Control	H. Roscoe Crawford
Gas Inspector	Roger C. Munn
Plumbing Inspector	Roger C. Munn
Town Accountant	Dorothy Lupa
Civil Defense Director	Sumner E. Taylor, Jr.
Wachusett Home Health Care Agent	May Kawaky
Town Counsel	Harry Vickers
Building Inspector	William Rhodes

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Leone B. Daniels	Dorothy P. Day
Donna L. Neylon	(Resigned May 6, 1975)
Cheryl Benoit	Maude M. Stone
	(Appointed July 22, 1975)

POLICE OFFICERS

Norman L. Drolet	Ruth Drolet
Kevin Drolet	Richard Bechan
Calvin Stewart	Walter E. Cole
Kenneth Drolet	Howard S. Dean
Janice Crawford	Ronald Skowyra
Bradford Taylor	Frederick G. Stone
Alexander Crawford II	

BOARD OF APPEALS

Stanley Jamara	Raymond Field
(Resigned September 16)	(May 10, 1975)
Linda Barringer	John March
(Appointed October 21, 1975)	(Appointed May 6, 1975)

JURORS

Adam Chestna	Marcia O'Connor
Robert Wile	Joclyn Wile
William Zukus	Virginia Seeley

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman	Roger H. Lonergan
Clerk	Hazel M. Young
Third Member	James Barringer
Acting Clerk	Bettyanne Parsons

For your information the reports of the activities of the various departments of the Town cover the calendar year from January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975 while the financial reports cover the fiscal year from July 1, 1974 to June 1, 1975 inclusive.

Routine affairs of the Town were carried on as usual throughout the year. Regular meetings of the Board were held on Tuesday of each week at which time Treasury Warrants were checked and approved for payment, appointments were made, licenses were issued and other duties were carried out. Meetings were held with the Board of Assessors in connection with the revaluation of the property of the Town and with other officials for the purpose of obtaining a better working relationship between the Selectmen and the various officials of the Town.

The new elementary school was completed during the year and was turned over to the Town by the School Building Committee. The building was in turn turned over to the School Committee and open for classes at the start of the 1975-1976 school year. We wish to thank the School Building Committee and everyone else involved for their part in the successful completion of this project.

In order to avoid conflict with State and/or Federal elections this year and at other times in the future and for various other reasons the date of the Annual Elections and the Annual Town Meeting were changed from the first and second Mondays of March to the first and second Mondays of April of each year. These dates will be effective for our 1976 Annual Elections and Town Meeting.

In order to reduce duplication and to restrict the size of our Annual Town Report we are confining our report to this general statement. Information on other activities of the Town may be found in the reports of the various departments.

We wish to again to thank the people of the Town for their cooperation and assistance and for giving us the opportunity to serve them.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger H. Lonergan
James Barringer
Hazel M. Young
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The Town Treasurer has received a total sum paid to him during the fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975 in the amount of $213,968.30. Collections during this fiscal time period are as follows:

Real Estate	$121,282.71
Personal Property	39,338.00
Farm Animal Excise	504.40
Motor Vehicle Excise	37,328.96
M. D. C. In lieu of	14,382.04
Interest	1,010.19
Charges	122.00
	$213,968.30

OUTSTANDING TAXES ARE AS LISTED BELOW

1974 Real Estate	23,705.84
1972 Motor Vehicle	154.64
1973 Motor Vehicle	3,276.45
1974 Motor Vehicle	4,122.64
1975 Motor Vehicle	6,956.89
1974 Farm Animal	149.22
1975 Farm Animal	137.87
	$ 38,503.55

Motor Vehicle and Farm Animal Excise Taxes are based on calendar year, commencing January 1, 1975 through December 30, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn E. Sanford
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I herewith submit the following report for the fiscal period ended June 30, 1975.

Interest liability, during the period covered by this report, decreased from an average of 6.5% to 3.25%. The prime interest rate which governs our borrowing rate of interest ranged from a high of 10 1/2% downward to a rate of 7 1/4% which enabled us to obtain a $60,000.00 Anticipation of Revenue loan at the rate of 3.25%. This represents a decrease in interest of 50% over the previous year. This loan is not reflected in the Municipal Debt section of this report as it was paid prior to June 30, 1975.

The outlook for the next fiscal period is not as optimistic. The current financial difficulty being experienced by the Commonwealth has made it difficult to sell municipal tax exempt notes by banks. Lending agencies in the Commonwealth have predicted that interest rates for 1976 will be approximately 6%.

At this time, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Board of Selectmen and to our Town Accountant, Mrs. Dorothy Lupa, for their assistance and guidance.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance July 1, 1974	$ 95,146.26
Received during period	722,682.93
Cash available	817,829.19
Disbursed during period	711,667.11
Balance June 30, 1975	106,162.08
Alden Fund	5,979.08
Total Cash on Hand June 30, 1975	$ 112,141.16

TRUST AND OTHER FUNDS

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	$ 16,112.66
SPECIAL FUNDS	60,293.93

MUNICIPAL DEBT

Highway Loan Chapt. 90 (5.6%)	7,000.00
School Loan FHA (5%)	611,000.00
Highway Dept. Loader	11,000.00
	$ 629,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Buckley
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

This year was another year of pondering what, if any, changes in existing By-Laws should be considered.

With government in general being questioned at every corner by a public afraid of losing more of it's rights, we have found it quite difficult to finalize changes in Town By-Laws, to a point where they are ready for presentation to the voter.

We are in the process of changing various words in the By-Laws so that instead of a generality or implication that the Town referred to is Oakham, the laws would state definitely the name of Oakham.

We intend to submit a final report to the Board of Selectmen after Public hearings on amendments which are felt to be in the best interest of Oakham and which we will request be placed on a Warrant for Townspeople's votes.

We do solicit opinions by the residents of the Town as to the possible expansion of business, thru an amendment of our Zoning By-Law. We realize the tax burden felt by all and feel it our duty to ask the taxpayers opinion as to whether or not we should persue this line of thought further.

We anticipate asking for removal of the word "variance" from our By-Law (Zoning), to be replaced by "Special Permit".

Also, we want to make sure that two alternates to the Board of Appeals are properly covered by our By-Laws in the event that any members of the Board have to remove themselves on a question where their personal interests might be in conflict with the matter up for discussion or vote.

We feel that by expanding our hours to include communicating with neighboring Towns, that next year will be productive and exciting.

OAKHAM SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM - 1975

A REPORT

To the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Citizens of Oakham.

The fifth summer of the playground program offered a diversified and interesting pastime for the youngsters of Oakham.

The program ran for six weeks commencing on June 16 and ending on August 1. A total of 52 different children ranging from kindergarten age through Grade 8 attended the playground session and the average daily attendance was 32 children.

Once again, the six week program began with the swimming program at Coldbrook Country Club under the excellent direction of Joseph Valardi. The two week program began on June 16 and ended on July 3.

The playground session ran from July 8 to August 3 at the Center School. The usual activities including outside games, arts and crafts, and inside games were very popular with the youngsters. Four field trips were conducted during the session with youngsters visiting the Worcester Science Center, Eva Grimes' Farm, the new Elementary School, and the Barre Playground program (visit to the Barre Library included).

Because of budget cutbacks, we could not employ two youngsters from the town to assist in the program. However, through Quabbin Regional High School, we were able to secure two aides for our program. They were funded by the government under the Neighborhood Youth Corp program. Beth Miller and George LaCoy assisted me. Carol Staiti served as Arts and Crafts Coordinator and provided varied and interesting activities for the participants.

Special thanks to the Oakham School Committee for the use of the school grounds; the Grange for the use of their hall; the parents who assisted as drivers and chaperones; and a special thanks to the people of Oakham for providing their children with an outlet for their energies.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Staiti

REPORT OF THE DEAN POND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
AQUATIC WEED & ALGAE CONTROL

To the members of Dean Pond Improvement Assoc. and Citizens of Oakham.

1. During the early part of spring a pre-treatment biological survey was conducted at Dean Pond by Lycott Environmental Reasearch Co. of Sturbridge, Mass. It was determined by Lycott, that the aquatic growth had not yet taken hold due to the cold waters. Therefore, a second survey was conducted during the early part of June 1975. Actual density and location of aquatic vegetation was recorded.
2. During the later part of June 1975, the initial treatment of the 1975 program was conducted at Dean Pond by Lycott.
3. In August 1975, a secondary spot treatment was conducted by Lycott to further extend the level of control achieved earlier in the season.
4. A third spot treatment was conducted in September 1975, for the purpose of specific weed species (lilly pads).

Summary:

The sole intent of the Dean Pond Improvement Assoc. over the past three years, has been to correct the massive vegetational growth within this body of water. By doing so, we have brought this lake back into a more natural balance, with nature and enhanced the natural value for all concerned. We must continue our maintenance checks each year, to insure that these qualities remain within this beautiful lake.

We wish to again express our very sincere appreciation to the Town of Oakham for their continuing support.

Respectfully,

Wayne R. Baldwin
Dean Pond Improvement Assoc.

REPORT OF THE BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Unlike committees in other towns, our job is mainly that of advisors and co-ordinators for special town events.

Our town has been operating on an extremely tight budget this past year and so we could not be extravagant and plan projects beyond our budget. It was our thought that we should spend our money wisely and use it to leave something for future generations.

A book commemorating the 100th birthday of Memorial Hall was our first project. We collected the signatures of all those who attended the Annual Town Meeting, held on March 10, 1975. This was the final meeting to be held in Memorial Hall, our town is rapidly outgrowing this hall, and future meetings will be held in the new Center School. The pages of the book are of antique parchment, and they were bound in ox-blood leather. All the work was done by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hansen of the Oakham Binderey. It will be presented to the Historical Society later this year.

We have also begun an ambitious project, with the co-operation of Mr. Duncan Stewart. We are hoping to have completed by this Spring a video-tape of our town's history. It will be done by the use of narrative and old photos. It will be available for use by town civic organizations.

We have been able to include most of our towns events of celebration in the state calendar of events. We appreciate the co-operation of those groups who listed their programs through this committee.

We hope to enlist the aid of all interested groups and townspeople, in the planning of an "Old Home Day" to be held this summer. We hope to use an old program of bygone days and recreate the program as faithfully as possible. We look forward to working with you on this project.

We want to take a few lines to thank Mrs. Dorothy Day Nelson for all her efforts this past year. She resigned our committee in June of 1975. We miss her expertise on our town's history. The Selectmen appointed Mrs. Linda Barringer to fill the opening on the committee.

Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month in the Fobes Memorial Library, we invite you to attend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carol Spinney, Chairman
Mrs. Linda Barringer
Mr. Charles Dean
Mrs. Marvel Mann
Mr. John Neylon, Jr.
Mrs. Maude Stone
Mr. LeRoy Spinney

4TH ANNUAL REPORT - SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

1975 was the year we all were waiting for..Completion! March brought the Substantial Completion Inspection; May, the Final Completion Inspection and Acceptance and, of course, all of the accompanying paper work.

The building was ready for the students in April but it was decided not to move them mid-term. We wanted to have the landscaping completed and also to give everyone a chance to "get to know" the building before they had to "live"in it.

During the summer the keys were turned over to the Selectmen, who in turn handed them over to the School Committee, which action transfers "ownership".

Oakham's own Highway Department under the direction of Highway Superintendent, Wesley Dwelly, completed the landscaping and the base of Deacon Allen Drive. We want to praise and to express our gratitude to the Highway Department for the quality work that they did and for the money that they helped to save their Town.

Bayer & Mingolla Industries, Inc. of Millbury was awarded the Contract to top Deacon Allen Drive. Everyone is pleased with the quality of their work and the final appearance of the job.

November brought the Cornerstone and Dedication Ceremony which was well attended by the Townspeople (and even Congressman Boland) inspite of the bitter cold day. The Quabbin Band certainly added a warm spot in the program.

With mostly paper work left, this Committee hopes to be able to wind up their work this year.

We wish the students many years of happiness in their new school building.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Neylon, Jr., Chmn.
John H. Barringer
Robert W. Buron
Richard W. Bechan
Roger H. Lonergan

PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports of the

Board of Health

Inspector of Animals

Fire Department

Highway Superintendent

Police Department

Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

We seem to be following the national trend with crime on the increase. Housebreaks and larcency show the greatest increase. I strongly suggest everyone watch their neighbors house and property and when you see anything unusual that might lead to a crime call: 882-3347, immediately. It is much easier to prevent a crime than to get a conviction.

Five members of the department are now registered E.M.T. 's and all members have their advanced and first responders first aid card. Two members are cardio-pulmonary resuscitation instructors.

A SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Accidents	50	Miscellanious	23
Assault & Battery	12	Missing Persons	12
Assault w/dangerous weap.	4	Motor Vehicle Violat.	125
Breaking & Entering	24	Narcotic Investigations	5
Disturbances	38	Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	19
Investigation w/treasury department	1	Stolen Motor Vehicles	4
Larcency	25	Suspicious cars and Persons	46
Trespassing	3	Threats to persons & Property	9
Hospital Trips	36		
Malicious Mischief	13		

Respectfully submitted,

Norman L. Drolet,
Police Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Oakham Fire Department responded to the following calls during the past year:

5 House fires	1 Farm tractor
4 Brush, grass fires	2 Trailer fires
5 Car fires	1 Barn fire
4 Chimney fires	2 Mutual Aid fires

This past year the Fire Department has worked very hard to keep its budget within the monies received from the town but, unfortunately, doing so has meant that there has been little or no funds available to purchase new and badly needed equipment, never mind repairs on our already old pieces of apparatus.

The Fire Department has made a special effort this year to raise funds in order to help ease the financial crisis. We held our first annual chicken barbecue this past fall which was a huge success despite the fact that we had very little support from our own town citizens. We hope that in the future more will take an interest in the Fire Department and its community minded events.

This year, the Women's Auxiliary to the Fire Depart. was established. This group of women forms a strong backbone for our department in emergency situations. Not only do these women prepare food and coffee during fires but are also undergoing training in firefighting to help ease the manpower shortage during the daylight hours.

For the coming year, in addition to specialized training from the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy, we would like to recruit new members who are willing to donate three evenings a month for training and orientation in order to help make our department larger and more efficient. Any person interested in obtaining a membership application should contact the fire chief.

Respectfully yours,

Randy Packard, Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The Highway Department crew, reinforced with several C.E.T.A. employees, was extremely busy with the construction of roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, and general landscaping for our new Elementary School. The task was quite challenging, but very rewarding to all.

The Center of Town was resurfaced with Bituminous Concrete. This should add greatly to the durability and riding quality of these streets, as well as enhance the general appearance of our Town, Chapter 1140, Sec. 20, funds were used for this project.

General road maintenance, consisting primarily of drainage, scraping, patching and brush cutting, was carried out as usual. Other, more extensive work, was curtailed due to the school project.

EQUIPMENT

Principal items of equipment owned by the Town
December 31, 1975

1--1965--John Deere Tractor Loader with mower
1--1973--Trojan 2 c.y. 4 W.D. Loader
1--1966--R 190 International Dump Truck
1--1970--80 Series Chevrolet Dump Truck
1--1972--L 800 Ford Truck
1--1973--20 Series Chevrolet 4 W.D. Pickup Truck
1--1950--Austin Western Grader
1--1972--Torwell 6 c.y. Automatic Sander
1--1975--Tartan 6 c.y.
4-- --One-way Snow Plows
1-- --Vee-type Snow Plow
1-- --Motor driven, truck drawn road sweeper
1-- --Line Striping Machine
3-- --Chain Saws

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley H. Dwelly
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation	$ 4,926.64
State Grant	1,000.00
Dog Tax refund	242.60
Total Appropriation	$ 6,169.24
Expended	6,168.81
	.43

During the past year we have attempted to stretch our budget to cover improvements both inside and outside of the library building. The slate roof received considerable repairs with all loose and broken slate being replaced and the entire surface sealed with a protective coating. The area behind the building was cleared of brush and weeds, which adds greatly to the appearance of the grounds and eliminates a fire hazard. Flowers were planted along the front walk, and the iron lamp posts and gates were scraped and painted. We are indebted to Calvin Stewart for his suggestions and assistance with these two projects, and to Dr. Raymond Crawford for donating the flowers that beautified the front entrance.

In honor of the bicentennial year, we sponsored a Colonial Arts & Crafts program for all interested residents, and continued to offer the annual story hour for Oakham's preschool group.

The Reading Room was made available and used frequently for meetings by members of many of our local organizations, and we were again pleased to welcome and serve the summer playground participants during their program.

We are again grateful to Stella Anderson who volunteered many hours of service, in addition to those for which she was paid, and to Stanley Anderson who again constructed several bookcases without any charge for labor.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Sampson, Chairman
Dorothy V. Lupa
Joan A. Dahl
Maude M. Stone, Clerk

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

This past year there were more quiet hours at the library as the Center School Pupils have their own library and no longer arrive in large numbers. They are missed, however, as some of the children no longer visit us. Many of them do continue to come and seem to be enjoying the best of both libraries. Our juvenile circulation decreased to some extent, but not as greatly as we had anticipated. Overall we are serving a greater number of people and our adult circulation rose again this past year.

In addition to the new books purchased this year we have added more records to our collection and are also securing a larger supply from the bookmobile. A new, larger bookmobile is now serving our area and is able to provide us with AV material as well as books. Records tapes, art prints, sculpture, and some toys and games, are obtainable in addition to paperback and hard cover books. We are free to borrow any material we desire but are requested to rotate this material every few months. Any material that is not readily available at our library can still be requested through the interloan system. This means--if we do not have what you want we can very easily get it but there will be a waiting period.

The story hour continues to be well attended and children who cannot attend often stop in for a story or a period of "quiet" play with the toys that are now available. Thanks to the Wayne Baldwin family our toy collection increased greatly last year. Their donation has been much used and appreciated.

This past year we were also able to offer the Reading Room to small groups who wished to hold meetings there. Many local organizations took advantage of our offer and the room was used frequently through-out the year for meetings as well as reading and research.

The library still houses large print books and a talking book machine for short term loans. Anyone unable to read regular print or who is unable to read because of a disability is invited to inquire about these services.

Respectfully submitted,

Maude M. Stone, Librarian

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

SUMMARY SHEET

Number of Dairy Cows over two years	201
Number of Heifers one to two years	60
Number of Calves under one year	73
Number of Bulls	5
Number of Herds	13
Number of Beef Cattle	38
Number of Beef Herds	7
Number of Horses	37
Number of Ponies	22
Number of Goats	7
Number of Sheep	25
Number of Swine	22
Number of Herds	6

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Stone, Jr.
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

We wish to thank the Highway Department for supplying this department with loam to fix up the area around the Center Cemetery. Also many thanks to our clerk, Mrs. Walter Nelson who resigned this year.

A complete breakdown of expenditures can be found in the Town Accountants Report.

W. Aubrey March
Robert Lindquist
Calvin Stewart
Mrs. Walter Nelson, Clerk

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

1975

At the beginning of the year I started off with less money in my budget than the previous year. So to stay within my budget I purchased a portable kennel which enable me to board some of the dogs at my home. The previous year I had to board all dogs at the Holden Animal Shelter at great expense to the town. This year I only had to take six (6) of the dogs to Holden as compared to fifteen (15) dogs the year before.

I am learning more and more after each dog call. I had to go to court on one case, from which I learned a great deal but I still have a lot more to learn concerning dog laws.

Oakham is growing rapidly and within the past two years the dog population has almost doubled. There is no leash law in the town and I don't see any need for one, as long as every dog owner trys to restrain his dog to his own property and not let the dog run around.

Most important of all, please license your dogs, it makes my job a lot easier when a problem arises.

The following is a brief summary of my years work as dog officer:

2 Regional County Dog Officers meetings
6 Dogs taken to Holden Animal Shelter
16 Dogs boarded at my home
67 Complaints answered
18 Dogs returned to owners
80 hours worked
493 Miles traveled

Supplies purchased:

Portable Kennel - rope - Dog food - worm pills

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis W. Casault
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The activities of the Board have been of valued interest to the town for the past year due to numerous projects we have undertaken.

The first was the town landfill which the State had criticized us for. All of the area had to be fenced in to keep debris from flying around which has always been a nuisance. The dumping area had to be rearranged and all rubbish has to be covered daily. Hours for dumping were established, a person had to be hired to control the project and permits were issued to townspeople. There should be no problem in the future if the present status is maintained.

A long outstanding legal matter has been overcome and is now just a memory to the outgoing board.

Campgrounds in town have been inspected, recommendations made and permits issued.

Numerous permits for sewerage disposal works have been issued after the required state regulations were complied with.

Rabie tests for dogs was again undertaken this year and is of great value to the town and should be a yearly event.

Water from bathing areas in town had to be analyzed and checked by the state which is mandatory.

Members of the board attended several state board of health meetings to keep informed of current rules and regulations.

The outgoing board has done a great job and has tired its best to keep Oakham a clean and decent town to live in.

Ernest W. Posson, Chairman
Mae L. Kawaky, Clerk
Franklyn Riley, Member

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

Reports of the

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

UNION 63 SCHOOL NURSE

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
UNION #63 JOINT COMMITTEE
1975

Regular Oakham School Committee Meetings are held at the Oakham Center School on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public.

OAKHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Carol Spinney, Chairman

Mr. John Barringer

Mr. Chad Osborne

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL UNION NO. 63

BARRE/HARDWICK/HUBBARDSTON/OAKHAM

This ninth annual report as the Superintendent of Union No. 63 will continue the practice of brief highlights of activities that touch the combined work of the four elementary systems for grades K-6. Each of the local Principals' Reports provide more specific information about the individual schools.

During the 1974-75 school year the major focus of all systems became that of developing programs and staffing services that would fully implement the new Chapter 766 Regulations. These regulations for providing special services for any child who displays physical, emotional, and/or learning problems of any kind also carry a new and desirable emphasis on meeting the needs of handicapped through the regular classroom setting, if at all possible. Thus, the rising interest in a term called "mainstreaming" which illustrates a desire and attempt to keep every child in contact with the regular classroom scene. Such a strategy for helping those with special needs requires a combination of help from specialists and a specialized and personalized effort by our regular classroom teachers. It has been a joy to watch the development, over a very short period, of the "team" approach to solving the problems of about ten (10) percent of our students who qualifiy for the services available through this new legislation. We admittedly have improvements to make, but we have an excellent structure for providing competent specialized services.

Because we have developed a set of services and staffing that promote sharing amongst all of the four elementary systems and the secondary system of Quabbin Regional, and because it appears that such a Collaborative structure will provide effective services at lowest costs it is proper to detail the structure in this report.

K-12 SPECIAL SERVICES COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURE

Cooperatively developed during 1974-75 school year for full implementation during 1975-76. This structure to be managed under a Collaborative Contract guided by a Board of Directors made up of members from each of the School Committees of member system.

STAFF POSITIONS...K-12 COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

A full time position, with person meeting the certification requirements under Chapter #766.

MAJOR FUNCTION

To provide overall administrative and instructional leadership for all special services at all grade levels K-12, and for pre-school and/or post-school services for children ages 3 through 21.

STAFF POSITION...K-12 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Two positions, with emphasis on team effort in servicing both types of problems (A) temporary adjustment problems that do not require full treatment under Chapter 766 Regulations. (B) Severe problems and needs that are regulated and guided by formal requirements of Chapter 766.

MAJOR FUNCTION

To provide diagnositic, prescriptive, and counseling services for any students and their parents referred as needy or problem cases. Provide leadership and coordination in the effective completion of Core Evaluations as regulated by Chapter #766.

STAFF POSITIONS...K-12 SPEECH SPECIALISTS/TEACHERS

Two positions, with emphasis on team effort to diagnose speech problems as early as possible accompanied by regular service to students with problems.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

To provide well qualified speech instruction and therapy to every child in our school systems K-12. To have immediate access to well qualified Speech diagnosis and prescriptive services.

STAFF POSITIONS...K-12 ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR

A full time position, with highest priority of services going to the elementary age children. Expect that needs will require additional staffing in this type of service.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

To provide direct adjustment counseling services to students and parents. To provide advice and recommendations to teachers who must deal effectively with adjustment problems in the classroom setting.

STAFF POSITIONS...PRE-SCHOOL CLINICAL NURSERY

A part time specialist and an aid to provide daily services and training for approximately half a day. Both the staff qualifications and type of services are regulated by Chapter 766 guidelines.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

To provide specialized training for pre-school age children who have severe physical and/or psychological problems, with the goal of applying early and concentrated aid to children.

STAFF POSITIONS...SEVERE PROBLEMS CLASS

A full time position, with a staff person well trained and qualified to work with severe adjustment problems. The class location to be within the facilities of a regular school in order to maximize the opportunities to have clients partially integrated with the regular classroom scene as much as possible.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

To provide specialized and personalized instruction linked to counseling for a limited number of children who are not able to cope with regular classroom settings. To pursue instructional and adjustment counseling activities that will enable the clients to make adequate adjustments back into "regular classrooms."

All of the eight specialized staff members mentioned above, as shared staff for our four elementary systems and one secondary system, are expected to also provide inservice training in a variety of forms for our regular classroom teachers. We expect that the above structure will remain as a basic one for future services for our children. Our total school population of approximately 2200 children will find about 300 children in need of temporary and/or regular-(long time) specialized help. As our service unit develops, we undoubtedly will see increasing involvement with parents in cooperative efforts to meet the needs of students.

READING IMPROVEMENT THROUGH TITLE I PROGRAMS AS SCHOOL YEAR PROJECTS

We have concluded, along with federal government research findings, that more students can be better served

in reading improvement programs that relate directly to regular classroom effort rather than continuing to use Title I Federal Funds for separate summer reading programs. We have likewise taken steps to bring all of our special reading programs under the supervision of a single coordinator who will function in very close relationship with the above described Special Service unit. For the first time in the history of our Union #63 and Quabbin Regional District organization we have K-12 programs linked very carefully together under single leadership. This effort should see improved communications and services for all systems. Every elementary systems will have a fulltime Reading Specialist in the program during the regular school year. Such specialists will work very closely with regular teachers and will provide reading improvement instruction to students who are referred as needing extra help. Our newly established K-12 Reading Coordinator will be responsible for the development and implementation of Federal Title I Project that supports our reading improvement efforts. Such a cooperative project will continue to gain us approximately $70,000 per year worth of assistance from Title 1 Federal funding.

AN INTRODUCTION TO NEW REGULATIONS FOR EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Rightly or wrongly a rather comprehensive set of regulations that protect the rights of every human being to equal educational opportunities has become identified with sex discrimination. The new state regulations have been approved and delivered to local systems for full implementation along with federal regulations now commonly becoming called Title IX. These regulations developed to implement a rather brief but important law known as Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971 will make a difference in our everyday school life. The law states: NO PERSON SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM OR DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN ADMISSION TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL OF ANY TOWN, OR IN OBTAINING THE ADVANTAGES, PRIVILEGES AND COURSES OF STUDY OF SUCH PUBLIC SCHOOL ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

Difficulty in interpreting just what kinds of actions on the part of school programming, scheduling, and attitude cultivation can be construed as discriminatory will face decision-makers as a lengthy and detailed set of regulations are examined and implemented. Separating boys and

girls for purposes of instruction of any kind seems to be the most immediate of controversies, particularly in the areas of Physical Education and athletic activities. Another somewhat controversial area seems to focus on the stereotyping of jobs and roles for boys in society as opposed to other stereotyped expectations for girls. We will come face to face with our own prejudices and traditions in such matters and will find honest differences of opinion about the importance or relevancy of making changes in our customs and practices within the schools.

NO CONTROVERSY ABOUT THE NEED FOR STRONG EMPHASIS ON BETTER READING SKILLS

Our school systems from the School Committee level to the classroom teacher are united in their belief that a highest priority for the school system is that of having every child gaining a competency in reading that deserves the label of literacy. Being able to read well enough to survive in the work world and in the world of a consumer should not be a disputed objective for our school system and in fact is not a point for debate. Why are some children unable to claim such achievements is surely in the arena of great concern and debate. Can a child who has no home life style with reading gain the skills required for even minimum standards in reading ???. This is one of the most serious of challenges for the school system--that of compensating for no reading life-style outside of school. One of the more promising strategies for attacking the problems of reading improvement now concentrates on involvement of the parents in helping children to do less TV viewing and more reading in the home enviroment. Another approach being promoted is that of requiring students to demonstrate abilities in reading before they can go along into the next grade in school. This retention practice is one that has been in disfavor in recent years because it has the potential for damaging the child's self concept and social adjustments become other kinds of problems for the child, but the current emphasis on combining specialized help with a retention policy at specific points (grades 3/6/8) in the Educational Growth of the child may become a better approach than that of "social promotion". We are willing to strenghten our demands for proof of performance before being promoted, in order to help the child know what his true weaknesses are and to gain the attitude

and approach needed to overcome significant weaknesses.

Our communities continue to be blessed with competent teachers, working in facilities that are not overly crowded, and under conditions where parental support and cooperation is generally very positive. We have a very small turnover of staff, with excellent and stable leadership at the administrative level. Steady and concerned efforts to maintain and improve our school systems is a common characteristic in all of our schools. Our community life style including our school experiences can well be cited as exemplary in many ways, particularly in comparison to other communities engulfed with conflict, crime, and degenerating values.

In our celebration of our 200th year as a nation, we have much to be proud about and thankful for. From my view of our local school systems, I can truthfully register our school system accomplishments as very high amongst the list for commendations and praise.

The competence, spirit, and devotion of our employees together with the unusually high contributions of time and energy by School Committee persons continues to be a source of satisfaction and help in my undertakings as Superintendent.

Corridon F. Trask Jr.

Superintendent of Schools

UNION #63/QUABBIN SHARED PROGRAMS SYSTEM

	BUDGETED FY76	10/30/75 PROPOSED FY77	12/4/75 #63 ADOPTED FY77	QUABBIN SHARE	UNION #63 SHARE
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	$ 56	$ 7,046	$ 1,446	$ 688	$ 758
1200 SUPT'S OFFICE	72,260	74,232	74,232	35,334	38,898
2100 CURRICULUM DEV./RESEARCH	900	5,300	5,300	2,523	2,777
2200 READING/TITLE I OFFICE	0	14,915	14,915	7,102	7,813
2300 TEACHING SALARIES	16,057	17,350	17,350	615	16,735
2300-5 TEACHING SUPPLIES	----	----	----	----	----
2300-6 TEACHING/OTHER	435	545	545	----	545
2400 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	----	----	----	----	----
2500/2600 MEDIA SERVICES		500	500	238	262
2700 GUIDANCE SERVICES	----	4,500	4,500	2,142	2,358
3100 ATTENDANCE SERVICES	----	----	----	----	----
3200 HEALTH SERVICES	----	----	----	----	----
3300 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	----	----	----	----	----
3400 FOOD SERVICES	----	----	----	----	----
3510 ATHLETIC PROGRAMS	----	----	----	----	----
3520 ACTIVITY PROGRAMS	1,025	1,025	1,025	----	1,025
4100 CUSTODIAL SERVICES					
4200 MAINTENANCE SERVICES	1,200	1,350	1,350	642	708
5000 FIXED CHARGES	0	4,817	4,817	2,047	2,770
6000 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	----	----	----	----	----
7000 ACQUISITIONS	1,800	1,180	1,180	561	619

	8000 DEBT/INTERESTS	----	----	----	----	----
A.	TOTAL ABOVE 1000-8000	$ 93,733	$132,760	$127,160	$51,892	$75,268
B.	9000 PROGRAMS-OTHER SCHOOLS	----	----	----	----	----
C.	SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	----	----	----	----	----
D.	EVENING/ADULT PROGRAMS	----	----	----	----	----
	#766 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	131,642	155,137	150,637	59,683	90,954
	SPECIAL EDUCA. ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS	----	127,000	127,000	50,635	76,365
E.	TOTAL NET COST FOR SPECIAL ED.	131,642	28,137	23,637	9,048	14,589
	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS A & E	$225,375		$150,797	$60,940	$89,857
	Quabbin Regional Share	101,413		60,940		
	Barre Share of #63	58,570		39,753	44.24%	
	Hardwick Share of #63	35,494		22,689	25.25%	
	Hubbardston Share of #63	31,987		19,795	22.03%	
	Oakham Share of #63	10,412		7,620	8.48%	

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

1974-75

The school year 1974-75 marked the one hundredth anniversary of the Memorial Hall location of the Oakham Center School. While we looked forward to our new school it was with mixed emotions that we prepared to leave the old. The delay of several months in opening the new school allowed us to finish the entire school year at Memorial Hall thus leaving, as we should, with our one hundredth graduating class.

The school year passed smoothly with changes in both administration and staff; Duncan Stewart took over the reins as Principal, Mark Stëina became our fifth and sixth grade teacher, Betty Kolofsky became the Kindergarten teacher and Cheryl Southwick served as our Music Supervisor.

Primary emphasis this year was placed upon improving our curriculum and establishing a schoolwide discipline policy. To these ends the staff devoted several release time days and many after school hours. Our work resulted in the completion of objectives for grades K-3 and the overall objectives and goals for the school grades K-6. In addition to this the staff developed a school Philosophy of discipline complete with rules and regulations for students. It is the feeling of the Staff and Administration that these improvements will help the entire school in the educational process.

As we look forward to our new Oakham Center School and its facilities our goal is to continue to provide quality education for the students of Oakham. It is our hope that we will continue to grow as a true Community School.

On behalf of the Oakham Center School Staff I would like to thank all of the students, parents, town officals and taxpayers for their help in making 1974-75 a successful school year.

Duncan L. Stewart
Principal

NURSING REPORT

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

SEPT. 4, 1974 - JUNE 19, 1975

Enrollment: 83

All heights, weights, vision and hearing tests have been completed for all students.

Vision failures: 4
Hearing failures: 3

Oct. 11 - - I attended a hearing workshop at Rice School, Holden, Mass.

Oct. 17 - - Meeting with our school doctor and Union #63 elementary school principals and psychologist concerning school child health care.

Oct. 22 - - I attended a vision workshop at Rice School, Holden.

Nov. 14 - - Physical exams completed for grades K, 4, new transfer students and special education students. Physical Exams by Family Dr. 10
Physical Exams by School Dr. 15. Total 25

Nov. 14 - - The Fourth Annual Basic First Aid Course of the American National Red Cross was included as a voluntary course for the sixth graders.
All seven students completed and passed this course; which took twelve weeks to complete.

Dec. 3 - - I attended a Seminar on the Role of the School Nurse (emergency care of school children). Department of Education, West Boylston.

Feb. 26 - - A program given for area women regarding breast "self-examination" for cancer. Dr. Ellen Mansell of the Barre Health Center assisted me in this program.

March 20 - - I attended a workshop "Handling the Child

with a Physical Handicap" at the Rehabilitation Center of Worcester County, Worc.

March 27 - - Pre-school Registration Day, I administered hearing and vision screening tests to 10 of next years Kindergarten children and referrals made when necessary.

April 8 - - I attended a seminar on "Implementation of the Role of The School Nurse", West Boylston.

April 30 - - Conference with Ms. Bonnie B. Kinsley new supervisor for the Wachusett Home Health Agency, Holden Hospital.

May 1 - - Immunization Clinic for pre-school and school age children. The Wachusett Home Health agency assisted in this clinic.

Polio - - 14

MMR(Measles, Mumps Rubella combined) 33

DTP - - 10

Total immunizations given 57.

May 7 - - I attended a workshop at Holden Hospital regarding the testing of lead poisoning in children.

May 8 - - The annual film for 5th and 6th grade girls and their mothers concerning the menses was given. Discussion followed with a question and answer session.

May 9 - - I attended a Department of Public Health Workshop (Chapter 766) regarding vision, hearing and developmental screening of pre-school children, Jefferson School.

I have been involved with the assessment of children with special needs. I have made 13 home visits as part of the evaluation team. Reports, conferences, referrals and follow-up have been made on each child.

I have kept in close contact with the Oakham Board of Health regarding child health care in our community.

(Mrs) Mae E. Kawaky, R. N.
Oakham School Nurse

OAKHAM BUDGETS

		Expended FY75	Budgeted FY76	1/24/76 Adopted FY77
1100-2	Committee Secretary	125.00	138.00	138.00
-3	Committee Treasurer			
-4	Contracted Services	137.23	25.00	25.00
-5	Committee Supplies	54.49	35.00	35.00
-6	Committee-Memb; Publ; Conf; Tr; Prt; Postage, etc.		10.00	10.00
1100	TOTAL COMMITTEE	316.72	208.00	208.00
1200-1	Supt. & Asst. Supt. Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
-2	Central Sec.-Cler. Acct.			
-4	Central Office-Rent & Tel.			
-5	Central Office-Supplies			
-6	Supt.-Memb; Publ; Conf; etc.			
1200	TOTAL SUPT'S OFFICE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
2100-1	Curriculum-In-Serv. Prof. Sal.			
-2	Secretarial-Aides Salaries		300.00	300.00
-3	Consultants Services			
-5	Curriculum Dev.-In-Serv. Supp.			
-6	Publ; Conf; Tr; Printg; Postage		25.00	
2100	TOTAL CURRICULUM-IN-SERV.	0	325.00	300.00
2200-1	Prin. & Asst. Prin.	5,692.76	5,804.00	6,660.00
-2	School Office Sec.-Cler. Sal.	2,320.24	2,340.00	2,562.00
-4	Contracted Services	0	25.00	25.00
-5	Office Supplies	131.86	50.00	100.00
-6	Memb; Publ; Conf; Travel; Prntg; Postage, Petty Cash		40.00	20.00
2200	TOTAL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	8,144.86	8,259.00	9,367.00
2300-1	Professional Teaching Sal.	48,215.04	51,762.00	53,842.00
-2	Instructional Aides Sal.	4,920.20	3,780.00	4,158.00
-4	Contracted Learning Program			
-5	Teaching Supplies	3,454.38	2,038.00	2,300.00
-6	Teacher-Memb; Publ; Conf; Tr; Printing	78.08	180.00	60.00
2300	TOTAL TEACHING	56,667.70	57,760.00	60,360.00
2400	TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL MAT.	433.80	835.00	330.00
2500-1	IMC Coordinator Salary			
-2	IMC Instructional-Tech. Aides	1,285.05		
-5	IMC Supplies & Instr. Mat.	126.32	1,680.00	1,140.00
-6	IMC Memb; Publ; Conf; Tr; Printng			
2500/2600	TOTAL IMC	1,411.37	1,680.00	1,140.00

		Expended FY75	Budgeted FY76	1/24/76 Adopted FY77
2700-1	Psychologist Salary			
-2	Guidance Sec.-Aides Sal.			
-4	Contracted-Diagn.& Prescr.			
-5	Guidance Supplies	149.36	150.00	150.00
-6	Guidance-Memb;Publ;Conf;etc.			
2700	TOTAL GUIDANCE	149.36	150.00	150.00
3100-2	Attendance Officer Salary			
-5	Attendance Officer Supplies			
-6	Attendance Officer Travel			
3100	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	0	0	0
3200-1	Nurse & Phys. Salaries	1,540.00	1,690.00	1,585.00
-2	Technical Aides Salaries			
-4	Contracted Diagn.Services			
-5	Health Supplies		75.00	75.00
-6	Health-Memb;Publ;Conf;Tr;etc.		50.00	50.00
3200	TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	1,540.00	1,815.00	1,710.00
3300-41	Regular Transportation	18,138.33	15,660.00	17,000.00
-43	Field Trips	398.00	400.00	500.00
-44	Athletic Trips		60.00	80.00
-45	Activity Trips		2,340.00	3,000.00
			600.00	
3300	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	18,526.33	19,060.00	20,580.00
3400-3	Lunchroom Super.Salary	3,760.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
-5	Lunch Program Subsidy			
3400	TOTAL LUNCH PROGRAM	3,760.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
3510-1	Athletic Coaching Salaries			
-5	Athletic Supplies-Materials			
-6	Athletic-Membr;Publ;Conf; Travel;Printing;etc.			
3520-1	Activities-Advisors Salaries			
-4	Contracted Assemblies, etc.	15.69	100.00	200.00
-5	Activities Supplies-Mater.			
-6	Activities-Membr;Publ;Conf; Travel;Prntg;Postage			
3500	TOTAL ATHLETIC-ACTIVITIES	15.69	100.00	200.00

		Expended FY75	Budgeted FY76	1/24/76 Adopted FY77
4110-3	Custodial Salaries	4,415.97	7,280.00	13,650.00
-4	Contracted-Htg;Lights; H_2O Gas;Tel.	2,290.53	11,100.00	15,300.00
-5	Custodial Supplies	787.30	200.00	500.00
-6	Custodial-Publ;Conf;Tr.			
4210-4	Contracted-Snow Rem;Tr;Heat			
4220-5	Ground Maintenance		500.00	500.00
4220-5	Building Maint.	418.82	300.00	500.00
4230-4	Equipment Main.-All Dept.	199.47	140.00	250.00
	Contingencies			
4000	TOTAL OPER.-MAINTENANCE	8,112.09	19,520.00	30,700.00
5000	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	34.21	80.00	0
6000	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERV.	0	0	0
7100	Land Site Improvement			
7200	Building Acquisition			
7300	New Equipment Purchases	250.00	350.00	0
7400	Equipment Replacements			
7000	TOTAL ACQUIS.-REPLACE.	250.00	350.00	0
8100	Debt-Retirement			
8200	Debt-Service (Interest)			
8500	Other Debt Services			
8000	TOTAL DEBT RETIRE.& SERV.			
9100-1	Vocational School Tuition	1,841.31	500.00	5,900.00
-2	Vocational School Trans.		500.00	1,600.00
-3	Adult Evening School Tuition		500.00	500.00
-4	Other Special School Tuition			
-5	Other Special School Trans.			
9000	TOTAL OTHER SCH. PROGRAMS	1,841.31	1,500.00	8,000.00

		Expended FY75	Budgeted FY76	1/24/76 Adopted FY77
2300-12-1	Spec.Ed.Prof. Salaries	5,878.00	6,966.00	8,057.00
-12-2	Spec.Ed.Aides Salaries	5,696.25	6,048.00	6,788.00
-12-4	Contracted Services	298.66	500.00	1,000.00
-12-5	SpecialEd.Supplies	133.77	500.00	500.00
-12-6	SpedialEd.Memb;Publ;Conf;etc.	45.00	250.00	250.00
-91	Sp. Ed. Tuition(other schools)		3,000.00	5,000.00
-92	Sp. Ed. Trans. (other schools)	119.63	2,000.00	3,000.00
2300-12	TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	12,171.31	19,264.00	24,595.00
	TOTAL SUMMER SCHOOL			
	TOTAL ADULT EDUCATION			
	TOTAL BUDGET	114,374.75	133,406.00	161,140.00
	Voted at Town Meeting		131,580.00	
	SHARE OF UNION #63 BUDGET		$ 10,412	$ 7,620
	SHARE OF MUSIC COLLABORATIVE		$ ------	$ 4,435
	SHARE OF QUABBIN REGIONAL BUDGET		$107,390	$109,000 ??
	ANTICIPATED SP.ED. #766 RECEIPTS (State)		$ 11,000	$ 16,000
	GRAND TOTAL OF ASSESSMENTS TO TOWN		$240,208	266,195

EDUCATIONAL RECEIPTS

OAKHAM

Rent of School Facilities	
State Aid to Pupil Transportation	18,161.00
School Aid (Chapter 70)	46,036.00
State Aid to Member Towns of Reg. Schools (Chapter 71)	7,867.00
State Aid to Food Services	525.00
Federal Aid to Food Services	1,603.00
State Aid to Special Needs Program	15,843.00
Title II (School Library)	5,000.00
State Aid to School Construction	32,686.00
	127,721.00
Union #63 and Q.R.S.D. Educational Collaborative	
Title I	65,753.00

OAKHAM

TOTAL SCHOOL SYSTEM ENROLLMENT

GRADES	BOYS	GIRLS		
k	5	9		
1	12	3		
2	5	3		
3	5	10		
4	6	8		
5	7	5		
6	8	6		
Total	48	44	=	92

1975 ANNUAL REPORT

OF

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BARRE - HARDWICK - HUBBARDSTON - OAKHAM
ESTABLISHED 1963

QUABBIN REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
OPENED SEPTEMBER 1967

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Gerard Gariepy.....Barre
Richard Stevens.....Barre
Samuel Pickens.....Barre
Henry Puchalsky.....Barre
Anthony Watson.....Barre

Alan Lewis..... Hardwick
Diane Purcell..... Hardwick
Darby Warburton..... Hardwick

James Vaida..... Hubbardston
Paul Larson..... Hubbardston

Chad C. Osborne.....Oakham

1975 COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chairman..... Alan Lewis, Hardwick
Vice-Chairman..... Anthony Watson, Barre
Secretary..... Daisy Widing, Barre
Treasurer..... Thomas J. Staiti, Barre
Legal Counsel..... Francis Cranston, Barre

Regular meetings of the Quabbin Regional School Committee are held on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Henry Woods Building in Barre. All meetings are open to the public.

1974-75

OVERVIEW OF QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

This overview relates to the 1974-75 school year in order to have annual reports in phase with the Fiscal year and normal school year.

The Quabbin Regional Committee held fifteen business meetings during the period from August 22, 1974 through June 26, 1975. Eleven of these meetings held were regular monthly meetings, while the remaining four were special meetings held for purposes of budget planning and staff evaluations.

In addition to business meetings the eleven members of the Quabbin Committee experienced increasing demands on their time through involvement in Sub-committee meetings, with the Negotiations Sub-committee meeting on thirteen occasions between February 3, 1975 and June 30, 1975 to negotiate and agreement with the newly established Quabbin Regional Custodian's Association. The Policy Sub-committee has increased its efforts to meet the staff and students in the formation and/or revision of committee policies.

Contrary to recent years, the turnover of School Committee representation was minimal during the year, and the attendance at meetings was high.

Several topics or major themes could be chosen to highlight the year for the schools and the committee: (1) K-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM and STAFFING under new regulations commonly called CHAPTER #766. (2) INTRODUCTION OF NEW CURRICULUM PRIORITY FOR CAREER/OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION. (3) PUBLIC CONCERN FOR IMPROVED DISCIPLINE IN OUR SCHOOL SETTING AND STRONGER ATTENTION TO BASICS.

All of the committee meetings were characterized by heavy and long agenda as the following listing of major actions indicate.

AUGUST 1974 — Special Hearing on student drug abuse cases; Approved three Federal Projects (1) Occupational Cluster Education Project @ $3,650 (2) Machine Transcript Project @ $9,546 (3) Drug Prevention/Intervention

Project @ $8,850; Authorized Committee member participation in MASC Workshop for new School Committee members.

SEPTEMBER 1974 Study of new program developing in Distributive Education; Review of 18 laws affecting education in 1974 State Legislative actions; Approve Senior Driving Privileges; Study and Development of Policy-making Guidelines; Dam Project Report; Needs Inventory Report; Committee calendar for meetings and Target Setting for 1974-75. Authorize delegates to attend MASC Annual Meeting; Authorize four released-time days for staff curriculum/instructional development during the coming year; Recognize Quabbin Regional Custodian's Association as bargaining agent.

OCTOBER 1974 Discussion of Committee involvement with Policy Development and proper procedures for executive session; Study of Facilities Shortages as reported by Administrative Team; Report on Evening School; Approval of Student Advisory Council Project-Flame of Hope; Request by Student Advisory Council for adoption of Chapter 670-Rights and Responsibilities of Students; Clarifying status of Teachers Advisory Council Report on School Committee State Conference; Fixing tuition rate for 1974-75 @ $1,450 per year; Report on break -in at school; Policy development-IHE (Promotion Retention/Alternative Programs); Study of Administrative and Department Head Target for 1974-75; Study of Agricultural Program proposal; Bomb Threats discussed; Residency requirements for Quabbin admission reviewed.

NOVEMBER 1974 Policy Sub-committee recommendations for Bomb Threats; Hearing and petition from parents-Student Smoking Privileges; Teacher Advisory Council letter of protest of oversized classes; Oakham interest in jurisdiction over grades 7 and 8;

Review of Chapter 492 of laws of 1974, with incentives for considering K-12 Regionalization; Report on our modern Media Center and its services; Trip to Paris & Chateau Country by French Club approved with conditions; FY76 Line Item budget proposals presented; Seven (7) Federal Project Proposals (NDEA Title III) approved; Policies proposed and tabled for one month (1) JC-Students Rights and Responsibilities; (2) Jr-Student Records; (3) GBI-Teacher Evaluation and Rating; Approval of AASA Management Workshop participation by Associate Principal; Approval of Superintendent involvement in AASA Study Mission to Near East in Jan. 1976.

DECEMBER 1974 FY76 Budget study, with problems of reducing; Request Budget revisions by Administration to reduce to below ten percent increase; Discussion-Benefits under Chapter 492, with establishment of Task Force to examine feasibility of K-12 Regionalization; Hearing Progress in Drug Abuse cases; Treasurer Financial Report; Quabbin Crisis Prevention & Intervention Team Report; Principal's -Quabbin's Goals & Objectives Project discussed; Bomb Threats reviewed (22) periods missed to date) and decision to extend year for make-up; Schedule January 2nd for special hearing of smoking issues; Resignation of two Committee members 1-Hardwick and 1-Hubbardston; Request from Pro-Musica for band and chorus uniforms; Adopt Policies-Student Records; Authorize Committee member participation in Negotiations Workshop; Barre Selectmen's Letter - Request for explanation of Superintendent's Near East Trip.

JANUARY 1975 Hearing-More support for parents who do not want their children smoking at school Revision of Smoking Policy; NJROTC Program Evaluation: QRTA request to re-open negotiations in view of Chapter 622

	Regulations--Equal Educational Opportunity Washington Trip Proposal for Social Studies classes; Policy Sub-committee proposes policies - GBI/Teacher Evaluation & Rating, EBBCA - Bomb Threats, and JCDAA/Student Smoking; Teacher. Clinics; Superintendent withdrawal of Near East Mission participation; Executive session to discuss Arbitration case and hiring of Management Consultant for negotiations activities; Approval of graduation dates and related activities.
FEBRUARY 1975	Review of Project LEAP (Occupational Ed.) Proposals for CETA positions; Increase in lunch staff pay by 10¢ per hour; Task Force formed to study Chapter 622-Equal Opportunities; Adopt Policy JCDAA/Smoking and Policy EBBCA/Bomb Threats; Study and approval of Job Descriptions for K-12 Special Services Coordinator (new position) and K-12 Reading/Title I Coordinator; NJROTC Program evaluation and recommendation to continue; Brief evaluation of Superintendent of Schools; FY76 Budget approved at $1,800,000 Gross; Renovation of Room 258 authorized. Voted to support proposed State Legislation H2748 and H3633 Reject bread bids for purchases can be made below bid prices; Authorize search for professional negotiator; Planning for negotiations with custodians; Planning for staff evaluation sessions.
MARCH 1975	Staffing interviews for position of K-12 Sp. Ed. Coordinator; Discussion of Policy proposal BBFB/Teacher Advisory Council, with action to table for a month; Evaluation and election of Administrative Team; Accept resignation of Principal, effective June 30, 1975; Arbitration Hearings progress report and study; Employment of Management Consultant until June 30, 1975.
APRIL 1975	Interview and election of K-12 Reading/ Title I Coordinator; Evaluation and election of staff; Approval of 1975-76 School

	Calendar; Review and approval of Wrestling Club and Boosters; Job Description approval for K-12 Adjustment Counselor K-12 School Psychologists: K-12 Speech Specialists. Study and action related to continuing the Administrative Team Structure in view of need to seek replacement for principal....voted to continue the three member team structure; Voted to waive 180 days of school in favor of 900 hour requirements for this year only Election of two (2) School Psychologists and one (1) Speech Specialist.
MAY 1975	Reorganization of Committee for 1975-76 resulting in the continuation of Alan Lewis as Chairperson, Anthony Watson as Vice-chairperson; Election of non-teaching staff; Report and study of Chapter 622 (END) Task Force activity and recommendations; Endorsement of Task Force to screen and recommend new principal; Accept Section 8A of Chapter 32B authorizing insurance dividend distribution to employees; Authorize study of future role and potential services from Barre Family Health Center; Study and approval of courses for 1975-76; Study of proposed Soccer Enculturation European Tour Project; Custodian Negotiations progress and problems.
JUNE 1975	Interviewing and selection of new principal; Study and approval of Collaborative Contract; Project EIGHT studied with unofficial notification of approval by State Department; Authorize participation in collaborative Title I Project; Elect School Physician, with intent to move toward future use of Barre Family Health Services; Postpone futher action on K-12 Regional Agreement changes until clarification of Chapter 492 reimbursements; Approval of Summer curriculum projects Establish part-time position of Federal Project Writer/Coordinator with $2,000 Stipened; Authorize Superintendent to

seek ways to make position K-12 Collaborative role; Reject proposal for Bicentennial Coordinator position for next year; Review of Policy IDC/Alternative-Optional Learning with continued approval so long as students involved in programs are required to demonstrate competency in basic skills; Authorize purchase of seven typewriters as per bid price; Authorize assessment schedule change to member towns; Accept staff resignations and elect new staff.

QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - 1974 - 1975

This has been, indeed, a very significant year at Quabbin Regional Junior Senior High School. It was during this school year that Quabbin received an outstanding commendation in terms of its ability to meet the needs of its student body. This mark of academic and extra-curricular excellence came in the form of an eight-year extension for accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. A very limited number of schools received such a long term accreditation status. Therefore, the high school is able to award diplomas through 1982 that are based on the highest educational criteria and ideals.

In light of this accomplishment it is important to recognize the tremendous talent and commitment which has been exhibited by the teaching staff and support personnel this year. Three Quabbin teachers received national recognition for their contributions to the profession, school, and community. These outstanding educators are: Mrs. Bettyanne Fargnoli, English Department Head; Mr. James Beschta, poet and teacher of English; and Mr. Edmund Poor, teacher of social studies. Like the majority of the teachers at Quabbin, these individuals exemplify the acme of commitment and dedication not limited to time and area. The major portion of Quabbin's success stems from this vital source.

It is also important and fitting that recognition be given to the administration, and in particular, the superintendent, Mr. Corridon F. Trask, Jr. It has been a team effort under the expert leadership of Superintendent Trask which has allowed the school to develop an educational philosophy that is humane and sound while seeking a multitude of varied approaches and alternatives to come closer to meeting each individual student's need. Superintendent Trask has promoted a management system which is scientifically based and which ties each program and its objectives to the budget. Such an approach provides needed information for decision making regarding program planning and budgeting in the school.

Two significant programs have been implemented this year which have been promoted under Chapter #766 and Chapter #622 of the laws of the Commonwealth of Mass. Chapter #766 is confined to meeting the special needs of any student in our school. The program which has been implemented under this chapter does not confine service to a student within the school. Public education is obligated to seek out and devise individual programs for students with special needs wherever that program may be. In particular, the program is aimed at "mainstreaming" students when and where possible into the regular school programs.

Chapter #622 focuses on any type of discrimination which may exist in any form within the school and its programs. In particular, there is much concern in the areas of sex discrimination and athletics. A committee designated END (End Needless Discrimination) has been formed to examine and investigate the areas of probable discriminatory practices and make recommendations to the administrative team relative to the rectification of such practices. With the emergence of Chapter #622 it appears that education will have to adopt many procedures which it felt were arbitrarily alright in the past. In particular, this would be the distribution of funding for various programs and antiquated counseling which channels young women into career fields historically female oriented.

As usual, Quabbin was extremely successful in both men's and women's athletics. It saw league championship teams in soccer, baseball, girls' basketball and softball. The great strength and sportsmanship of Quabbin

athletes is well known throughout the state. Commendation is due here not only to the students but also to Mr. Michael Staiti, Athletic Director, and his staff of talented coaches.

The entire school year has been most successful. The achievements of the students and the myriad activities which the programs have sponsored spell out a rich atmosphere in academic reward and experience. A substantial number of seniors who had amassed enough credits to graduate early opted to stay in school and develop with our guidance staff and the Director of Occupational and Career Education, Mr. Richard Newell, alternative and optional learning programs. The overall program proved highly successful. Students were able to take courses at nearby community colleges, work in the trades, and work with professionals on a limited basis. The program dubbed A/OLPS will be expanded during the next school year and will fall under the umbrella of Maximum Education, a program of the State Department of Education which promotes and approves programs like A/OLPS.

At the end of this school year the school administration has drafted and has requested that all program supervisors draft the NEEDS and TARGETS for the coming year. This approach is part of Superintendent Trask's endeavor to gain information and seek goals to be achieved for each year. This will enable the school to understand where it is, where it desires to go, and how it will get there. Some of the designated NEEDS perceived by the high school administration include:

1. Emphasize reading improvement in all subject matter areas
2. Provide comprehensive sequencing of courses for students for career and occupational guidance
3. Provide inservice training for the staff in teacher effectiveness training and transactional analysis
4. Promote community involvement on advisory committees and task forces

Emanating from the needs are a limited number of targets which the administration wishes to pursue during the coming year. Listed below are some of the targets:

1. To inculcate READING IMPROVEMENT strategies into all curriculum areas
2. To provide evaluation procedures for administrators and department heads
3. To write school regulations for all new school committee policies with feedback and input from a representative body of parents, students, and faculty.
4. To improve school and community relations in the following ways:
   a. send out a newsletter
   b. re-establish a parent group

It would be important that all NEEDS AND TARGETS be communicated to the public. Also, it would be in order that timely reports be published which discuss the progress of each target.

Finally, I wish to say that this has been my last year as principal of this excellent school. With me and my family go thoughts and experiences that will never be forgotten. Quabbin will always live deep in my heart. Its students, teachers, and staff comprise some of the finest people I have ever known. Also, I must commend the parents and community in general for the fine cooperation it has given me over the years. A point that highlights this cooperative effort is the excellent attendance Quabbin has had this year. The national average of absenteeism is five percent; Quabbin's is two percent.

This is a school which has firmly established a unique atmosphere of warmth and cooperation which I hope survives in the midst of troubles besetting a number of schools in this nation. The production of "Gypsy", the blood drive, and community renewal efforts show us to be a school which others would like to emulate.

As I leave Quabbin I wish comparable success to the new principal. I know that a hearty effort will be made to make his transition cooperative and effective. In ending, I wish to convey my thanks and sincere appreciation to all those who have assisted me over the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce H. Crowder, Ed. D.
Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The following is the Annual Report of the School Health Services, from September 1974 through June 1975, as school nurse of Quabbin Regional Junior/Senior High School.

As recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Health, routine physical examinations were given to students in grade 7 by Paul Berman, M. D., School Physician assisted by the school nurse. Physical examinations were also given to students with Special Needs, being evaluated under the New State Law of Chapter 766, and to all students participating in sports. Written notices were sent home to all parents whose children were found to have any physical defects.

Vision and hearing examinations were given to all pupils. All students in grades 7 & 9 were weighed and Measured. Re-checks and absentees were completed by the school nurse and notices were sent home to the parents of children who failed the test.

Quabbin Student Special Consideration List was prepared and presented to the Quabbin Faculty.

Other routine services which were provided during the year were: personal interviews, inspections, first-aid, exclusion of children who were ill, counselling, planning with and assisting the school physician with clinic and physical examinations, conferences, ordering all health supplies, and notifying parents of children with physical defects. Home visits were made on all students with Special Needs being evaluated under the State Law, Chapter 766.

SUMMARY OF HEALTH SERVICES

Physical Examinations (554 School Physician - 71 Private Physician)	625 Students
Vision Tests	1020 Students
Hearing Tests	1020 Students
Weighing and Measuring (grades 7 & 9)	370 Students

SUMMARY OF CLINICS

Diphtheria & Tetanus - 10th grade 76 Students

I attended the following conferences and workshops throughout the school year, and assisted at special clinics.

August 27, 1974 - Physical examinations
September 3, 1974 - Meeting prior to opening day of school
September 5, 1974 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
September 11, 1974 - Physical examinations
September 18, 1974 - Physical examinations
September 20, 1974 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
September 27, 1974 - Physical Examinations
September 27, 1974 - Home visits - 2 -
October 3, 1974 - Meeting with the Administrative Team
October 4, 1974 - Physical Examinations
October 4, 1974 - Home visit - 1 -
October 11, 1974 - Flu Shots for the Quabbin Staff Administered by Dr. Berman
October 11, 1974 - Home visits - 2 -
October 18, 1974 - Home visits - 2 -
October 22, 1974 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
October 23, 1974 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting - 3 -
October 29, 1974 - Physical examinations
October 29, 1974 - Conference with Bob Morris - Wachusett Area Coalition
November 5, 1975 - Physical examinations
November 5, 1975 - Conference with Dr. Crowder, Mr. Kiernan, and Bob Morris
November 10 - - November 22, 1975 - Attended the Seminar on Drug Intervention/Prevention sponsored by Adelphi University
November 26, 1974 - Physical examinations
November 26 - & - December 10, 1974 -Conference with Bob Morris
December 3, 1974 - Physical examinations
December 5, 1974 - Assisted at the workshop for Quabbin Faculty re: Drug Intervention/ Prevention
December 6, 1974 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
December 11, 1974 - Physical examinations

December 12, 1974 - Conference with Mr. Kiernan and the representation from the Mass. Rehabilitation Department.
December 17, 1974 - Assisted Mr. Kiernan with the Workshop re: Epilepsy for the Quabbin Faculty
January 3, 1975 - Home visit
January 6, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
January 13, 1975 - Meeting of the Drug Intervention/ Prevention Team
January 16, 1975 - Home Visits - 2 -
January 17, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
January 17, 1975 - Physical Examinations
January 21 - Jan. 28, 1975 - Conference with Bob Morris
January 21, 1975 - Physical Examinations
January 23, 1975 - Home visits - 2 -
January 28, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
Jan. 30 & Jan. 31, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
January 31, 1975 - Physical Examinations
February 3, 1975 - Home visits - 3 -
Feb.4, 25, & Mar. 4, 1975 - Conference with Bob Morris
February 6, 1975 - Home visits - 2 -
February 7, 1975 - Home visits - 3 -
February 10, 1975 - Home visit
February 11, 1975 - Home visits - 2 -
February 13, 1975 - Home visits - 4 -
February 26, 1975 - Physical Examinations
March 10, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 11, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 12, 1975 - Physical Examinations
March 12, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 13, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 14, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 19, 1975 - Physical Examinations
March 19, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 20, 1975 - Mr. Kiernan and I viewed the facilities of the Westminster Mini School for placement of one of our students.
March 21, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 24, 1975 - Home visit
March 25, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 26, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 27, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
March 28, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
April 2, 1975 - Physical Examinations
April 2, 1975 - Home visits - 3

April 11, 1975 - Physical examinations
April 11, 1975 - Home visit
April 15, 1975 - Mr. Kiernan and I viewed the Fitchburg Workshop for the Retarded.
April 18, 1975 - Conference with Dr. Buss
April 29, May 13 & 27th - Conference with Bob Morris
May 5, 1975 - Physical examinations
May 14, 1975 - Diphtheria and Tetanus Clinic for 10th grade students
May 15, 1975 - Meeting of the Crisis Intervention/ Prevention Team
May 21, 1975 - Physical examinations
May 23, 1975 - Blood Bank for Quabbin 11th & 12th grade students
May 28, 1975 - Physical examinations
June 3 & 4, 1975 - Attended a Seminar @ Northeastern University re: Adolescence
June 5, 1975 - Attended in-service workshop for Quabbin Faculty re; Transactional Analysis.
June 6, 1975 - Core Evaluation Team Meeting
June 6, 1975 - Meeting of the Crisis Intervention/ Prevention Team
June 10, 1975 - Home visit
June 11, 1975 - Physical examinations
June 12, 1975 - Blood Bank for the Quabbin Staff
June 18, 1975 - Physical examinations
June 18, 1975 - Meeting of the Crisis Intervention/ Prevention Team

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the administration for their continued understanding and support, to Paul Berman, M.D., School Physician, for his dedicated service to Quabbin, and also to the efficient services of my Health Aides.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Griffin, R.N.
School Nurse

FUTURE PLANS OF THE CLASS OF 1975

Of the 158 members of the Class of 1975

89 - or 56% - plan to continue their education
45 - or 29% - plan to go to work immediately
17 - or 11% - are undecided
7 - or 4% - plan to enter the military

QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

YOG	BARRE		HARDWICK		HUBBARDSTON		OAKHAM		PG	*TUIT.	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls					
76	37	33	15	12	14	12	8	4		1 (G)	74	62	136
77	38	25	34	20	13	19	5	10			90	74	164
78	19	45	27	13	15	11	5	10		6 (B)	72	79	151
79	43	31	23	25	15	12	10	8		1 (B)	92	76	168
80	53	42	24	29	31	20	8	10			116	101	217
81	37	28	19	18	32	16	4	4			92	66	158
	227	204	142	117	120	90	40	46			536	458	994

	431			86	
PG's	1 (Female)			1 (Male)	2
	432	259	210	87	996

*TUITION STUDENTS - Non - resident 8

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 1975

BALANCE SHEET

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

1974-75 ANTICIPATED AND ACTUAL RECEIPTS

1974-75 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

OUTSTANDING DEBT, JUNE 30, 1975

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 1975

ASSETS

CASH

General Fund - Checking Account		3,747.04
General Fund - Savings Account		$ 135,405.06
General Fund - Payroll Account		87.32
General Fund - Cafeteria Account		3,610.26
Petty Cash Advances		225.00
Total Cash		$ 143,074.68

Accounts Receivable - 1975 - 76 Assessments

Town of Barre	$ 592,986.00	
Town of Hardwick	378,672.00	
Town of Hubbardston	277,656.00	
Town of Oakham	130,686.00	
Total 1975-76 Assessments		1,380,000.00
Due from Cafeteria Revolving Account		15,394.31
Loans Authorized - School Construction 1965		900.00
Net Funded or Fixed Debts		1,245,000.00
		$2,784,368.99

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Revenue Reserved Until Collected - Town Assessments for 1975-76	$1,380,000.00
Unexpended Revolving Account Balances	6,457.72
Payroll Deductions - Not Remitted	14,379.33
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	225.00
Loans Authorized and Unissued	900.00
School Construction Bonds Payable	1,245,000.00
Surplus Revenue (Excess & Deficiency)	137,406.94
	$2,784,368.99

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

JUNE 30, 1975

Surplus Balance, June 30, 1974		$ 33,843.12
ADD:		
1) Excess of 1974-75 Actual Cash. Receipts over Anticipated Cash. Receipts (Schedule attached)	$103,288.18	
2) Excess of 1974-75 Budget Appropriations over Actual Expenditures (Schedule attached)	275.64	
Total Additions		103,563.82
Surplus Balance, June 30, 1975		$ 137,406.94

QUABBIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1974-75 ANTICIPATED AND ACTUAL RECEIPTS

	Anticipated Receipts	Actual Receipts
Transportation	$168,500.00	$221,455.78
State Building Grant	65,000.00	65,122.70
State Wards Tuition	16,000.00	16,847.10
Special Education	30,000.00	45,518.00
Special Education Reimbursement	0	4,537.50
NJROTC Reimbursements	8,000.00	6,985.94
Driver Education	7,200.00	7,420.00
Blue Cross Refund - Net	0	7,346.00
Title III Grants	0	4,049.81
Non-Resident Tuitions	2,800.00	4,815.00
Interest Earned on Savings	0	15,196.13
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,500.00	3,994.22
	$300,000.00	$403,288.18

Excess of 1974-75 Actual Cash Receipts over Anticipated Cash Receipts	$103,288.18

QUABBIN
BUDGETS

		Expended FY75	Budgeted FY76	1/22/76 Adopted FY77
1100-2	Committee Secretary	406.87	420.00	500.00
-3	Committee Treasurer	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,300.00
-4	Contracted Services	10,144.53	1,100.00	2,900.00
-5	Committee Supplies	86.88	200.00	200.00
-6	Committee-Memb; Publ; Conf; Tr; Prt; Postage, etc.	1,532.64	1,350.00	595.00
1100	TOTAL COMMITTEE	14,070.92	5,070.00	6,495.00
1200-1	Supt. & Asst. Supt. Salaries	9,200.00	9,400.00	
-2	Central Sec.-Cler. Acct.	15,806.71	16,000.00	
-4	Central Office-Rent & Tel.	4,248.05	4,618.00	
-5	Central Office-Supplies	1,277.88	1,700.00	
-6	Supt.-Memb; Publ; Conf; etc.	2,162.12	4,100.00	
1200	TOTAL SUPT'S OFFICE	32,694.76	35,818.00	
2100-1	Curriculum-In-Serv. Prof. Sal.	3,581.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
-2	Secretarial-Aides Salaries	79.90	3,000.00	300.00
-3	Consultants Services	2,882.00		1,600.00
-5	Curriculum Dev.-In-Serv. Supp.	56.00		
-6	Publ; Conf; Tr; Printg; Postage	864.64	500.00	700.00
	Federal Project Writing		2,000.00	
2100	TOTAL CURRICULUM-IN-SERV.	7,463.54	7,500.00	4,100.00
2200-1	Prin. & Asst. Prin.	57,560.00	59,550.00	64,500.00
-2	School Office Sec.-Cler. Sal.	16,892.64	17,240.00	19,402.00
-4	Contracted Services	4,483.28	4,935.00	4,750.00
-5	Office Supplies	2,247.41	2,200.00	2,500.00
-6	Memb; Publ; Conf; Travel; Prntg; Postage, Petty Cash	3,385.36	5,450.00	5,675.00
2200	TOTAL PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE	84,568.69	89,375.00	96,827.00
2300-1	Professional Teaching Sal.	665,876.90	729,852.00	724,480.00
-2	Instructional Aides Sal.	24,436.35	14,400.00	16,758.00
-4	Contracted Learning Program			
-5	Teaching Supplies	29,428.74	29,304.00	31,500.00
-6	Teacher-Memb; Publ; Conf; Tr; Printing	3,477.50	3,520.00	4,125.00
2300	TOTAL TEACHING	723,219.49	777,076.00	776,863.00
2400	TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL MAT.	23,565.24	24,310.00	25,500.00
2500-1	IMC Coordinator Salary	16,300.00	17,500.00	18,550.00
-2	IMC Instructional-Tech. Aides	10,878.75	11,925.00	13,134.00
-5	IMC Supplies & Instr. Mat.	12,788.78	12,755.00	13,500.00
-6	IMC Memb; Publ; Conf; Tr; Printng	259.24	820.00	530.00
2500/2600	TOTAL IMC	40,226.77	43,000.00	45,714.00

	EXPENDED FY 75	BUDGETED FY 76	1/22/76 ADOPTED FY77
2700-1 Psychologist Salary	42,658.00	52,731.00	53,077.00
-2 Guidance Sec.-Aides Sal.	8,644.00	9,406.00	10,147.00
-4 Contracted-Diagn.& Prescr.	1,406.66	1,000.00	900.00
-5 Guidance Supplies	1,854.53	1,300.00	1,250.00
-6 Guidance-Memb;Publ;Conf;etc.	355.58	1,188.00	1,255.00
2700 TOTAL GUIDANCE	54,918.77	65,625.00	66,629.00
3100-2 Attendance Officer Salary	1,094.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
-5 Attendance Officer Supplies			
-6 Attendance Officer Travel			
3100 TOTAL ATTENDANCE	1,094.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
3200-1 Nurse & Phys. Salaries	10,982.01	11,820.00	12,400.00
-2 Technical Aides Salaries	538.65	600.00	2,189.00
-4 Contracted Diagn.Services	0	50.00	
-5 Health Supplies	240.84	400.00	400.00
-6 Health-Memb;Publ;Conf;Tr;etc.	290.80	300.00	265.00
3200 TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	12,052.30	13,170.00	15,254.00
-40 NJROTC	137.50	1,200.00	1,200.00
3300-41 Regular Transportation	157,512.88	157,204.00	159,000.00
-43 Field Trips	4,017.10	7,000.00	5,000.00
-44 Athletic Trips	6,777.40	9,500.00	10,000.00
-45 Activity Trips	1,501.40	2,000.00	2,000.00
-42 Reg. Daily Late Buses	30,943.00	36,880.00	35,000.00
3300 TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	200,889.28	213,784.00	212,200.00
3400-3 Lunchroom Super.Salary	6,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
-5 Lunch Program Subsidy			
3400 TOTAL LUNCH PROGRAM	6,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
-11 Athletic D/H's Stipend	2,283.54	4,481.00	4,553.00
3510-1 Athletic Coaching Salaries	12,774.50	14,053.00	14,653.00
-5 Athletic Supplies-Materials	8,617.77	9,290.00	9,700.00
-6 Athletic-Membr;Publ;Conf; Travel;Printing;etc.	1,095.94	900.00	1,120.00
-4 Contr/Officials, Police, etc.	4,820.50	6,000.00	6,200.00
3520-1 Activities-Advisors Salaries	5,825.00	6,636.00	7,136.00
-4 Contracted Assemblies, etc.	80.75	100.00	300.00
-5 Activities Supplies-Mater.	1,953.40	2,732.00	3,050.00
-6 Activities-Membr;Publ;Conf; Travel;Prntg;Postage	2,748.50	5,415.00	3,365.00
3500 TOTAL ATHLETIC-ACTIVITIES	40,199.90	49,607.00	50,077.00

		EXPENDED FY 75	BUDGETED FY 76	1/22/76 ADOPTED FY77
4100-3	Custodial Salaries	54,288.98	59,322.00	62,356.00
-4	Contracted-Htg;Lights; H_2O Gas;Tel.	50,215.19	46,900.00	49,400.00
-5	Custodial Supplies	5,088.51	6,000.00	7,000.00
-6	Custodial-Publ;Conf;Tr.	414.50	700.00	700.00
4210-4	Contracted-Snow Rem;Tr;Heat	2,607.84	3,800.00	3,500.00
-5	Ground Maintenance	1,278.23	1,350.00	2,750.00
-5	Building Maint.	7,912.17	10,000.00	11,000.00
4230	Equipment Main.-All Dept.	9,466.09	13,250.00	14,052.00
	Contingencies			
	Sewerage			500.00
4000	TOTAL OPER.-MAINTENANCE	131,271.51	141,322.00	151,258.00
5000	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	46,099.67	53,600.00	59,250.00
6000	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERV.			
7100	Land Site Improvement	3,200.00	0	5,500.00
7200	Building Acquisition	3,700.27	2,250.00	2,050.00
7300	New Equipment Purchases	18,650.29	14,100.00	4,430.00
7400	Equipment Replacements	12,406.50	6,157.00	14,829.00
7000	TOTAL ACQUIS.-REPLACE.	37,957.06	22,507.00	26,809.00
8100	Debt-Retirement	115,000.00	115,000.00	115,000.00
8200	Debt-Service (Interest)	50,797.50	46,325.00	41,830.00
8500	Other Debt Services			
3000	TOTAL DEBT RETIRE. & SERV.	165,797.50	161,325.00	156,830.00
9100-1	Vocational School Tuition			
-2	Vocational School Trans.			
-3	Adult Evening School Tuition			
-4	Other Special School Tuition			
-5	Other Special School Trans.			
9000	TOTAL OTHER SCH. PROGRAMS	0	0	
	Total Summer School		500.00	
	Total Adult Ed.	500.00	500.00	
	TOTAL REGULAR DAY		1,713,289.00	1,705,006.00
	Anticipated Receipts		621,000.00	666,000.00
	Net Budget		1,092,289.00	1,039,006.00

		EXPENDED FY 75	BUDGETED FY 76	1/22/76 ADOPTED FY 77
	SHARE OF UNIT A		52,494.00	
2300-12-1	Spec.Ed.Prof. Salaries	39,212.65	24,142.00	36,211.00
-12-2	Spec.Ed.Aides Salaries	8,966.52	2,865.00	3,285.00
-12-4	Contracted Services	14,891.34	1,200.00	21,300.00
-12-5	SpecialEd.Supplies	3,453.90	1,550.00	944.00
-12-6	SpedialEd.Memb;Publ;Conf;etc.	829.55	4,460.00	4,260.00
-91	Sp. Ed. Tuition(other schools)			
-92	Sp. Ed. Trans. (other schools)			
	Acquisition (Bus)			9,000.00
		67,353.96	86,711.00	75,000.00
	Sp. Ed. Anticipated Receipts		45,000.00	- 48,000.00
	Sp. Ed. Net Budget		41,711.00	27,000.00
	Quabbin's Share of Collab.		(in above)	88,429.00
	Minimum Negotiations Increases			24,000.00
	Total Assessments to Towns:		1,134,000.00	1,178,435.00
	Barre Share assessments		487,280.00	503,781.00
	Hardwick Share assessments		311 ,169.00	315 ,938.00
	Hubbardston Share assessments		228,161.00	252,539.00
	Oakham Share assessments		107,390.00	106,177 .00

FINANCIAL REPORTS

REVENUE

ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S BALANCE SHEET

APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

REVOLVING FUNDS

AND

ACCOUNTS CARRIED OVER INTO 1975

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

BUDGETS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

DETERMINATION OF TAX RATE FOR

FISCAL 1976

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	
Fiscal 1976	$275,229.04
Valuation	
Personal Property	582,080.00
Real Estate	165,825.00
Total Personal Property and Real Estate	747,905.00

Tax Rate equals $275,229.04/747,905.00 =

$368. per thousand dollars of valuation.

Approximate equalized valuation = $33. per thousand

Free Cash Available for Fiscal 1976 $13,493.

Reserve Fund Available for Fiscal 1976 $3,000.

TOWN OF OAKHAM

BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1975

ASSETS

Cash:		
General		$106,162.08
Elementary School Const.		29,833.94
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1973		
Real Estate	1,030.85	
Levy of 1974		
Real Estate	4,720.65	
Levy of 1975		
Real Estate	18,885.19	24,636.69
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1972	154.64	
Levy of 1973	5,158.58	
Levy of 1974	6,625.62	
Levy of 1975	6,444.09	18,382.93
Farm Excise:		
Levy of 1973	156.65	
Levy of 1974	177.19	
Levy of 1975	496.74	830.58

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Temporary Loans:		
In Anticipation of Reimbursement		$ 7,000.00
Payroll Deductions:		
State Taxes		1.84
Agency:		
County-Dog Licenses		117.00
Tailings-Unclaimed Checks		291.39
Trust Funds Income:		
Mary Lincoln Alden	1,207.15	
Cemetery Perpetu.Care	245.00	1,452.15
Gifts & Bequests:		
Police	7.95	
Cruiser-Ambulance	426.92	
Library	35.00	469.87
Federal Grants:		
Spec. Educ. Grant	4,630.00	
Title II	3,270.13	7,900.13

Tax Title & Possession:		
Tax Titles	1,121.32	
Tax Possession	57.90	$ 1,179.22
Departmental:		
Veterans' Serv.	4,337.73	
School Lunch	316.23	
Title III	1,912.37	6,566.33
Loans Authorized:		
Elementary School Project #1886		611,000.00
Revenue 1976		442,788.97
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		
County Tax		711.21
Inside Debt Limit:		
Highway Loader		11,000.00

Revolving Funds:		
School Building Comm.		$ 448.41
Approp. Balances:		
Revenue		34,204.67
Loans Author. & Unissued:		
Elemen. School-Proj. #1886		611,000.00
Over-estimated:		
Central Mass. Air Pollution Control	8.02	
State Parks & Reserv.	734.77	742.79
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Road Machinery	3,652.68	
Dump Permits	129.00	
County Dog Tax	65.45	3,847.13
Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus		3,585.13
Overlays-Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1973	2,367.62	
Levy of 1974	11,273.62	
Levy of 1975	19,677.98	33,319.22

	Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
	Motor Veh. Exc.	18,382.93	
	Farm Excise	830.58	
	Tax Title & Poss.	611.12	
	Departmental	4,092.73	23,917.36
	Inside Debt. Limit:		
	Highway Loader		11,000.00
	Elementary School Construction Project #1886		29,833.94
	Appropriation Control 1976		442,788.97
	Surplus Revenue		41,171.95
$1,253,091.95			$1,253,091.95

REVENUE

FISCAL 1975

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES

Real Estate		
Fiscal 1975	$122,261.38	
Previous Years	5,604.66	
	$127,866.04	
Personal Property		
Fiscal 1975	39,338.00	
		$167,204.04

FROM THE STATE

School Aid		
Chapter 70	46,036.32	
Chapter 71-Tuition and Transportation	18,160.60	
Educational Services	1,059.40	
	$ 65,256.32	
Highways		
Chapt. 81 Maintenance	12,069.00	
Chapt. 90 Improvements	3,500.00	
Chapt. 90 Future Projects	15,569.00	
Local Aid	7,462.66	
Chapt. 825	12,845.00	
Safety Program	1,805.98	
	$ 53,251.64	
Metr. Dist. Comm.		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	7,798.71	
Gasoline Tax	27,628.80	
Corporation Taxes	5,326.13	
Flood Control Grants	2,611.13	
Aid to Libraries	1,000.00	
Total from State	$162,872.73	$162,872.73

FROM THE COUNTY

Dutch Elm Disease Grant	31.17	
Chapter 824	1,063.13	
Total from the County	$ 1,094.30	$ 1,094.30

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

GRANTS AND GIFTS

Grants from the County		
Dog License Refunds	$ 484.69	
Gifts from Individuals		
Various Persons	454.00	
Cruiser Ambulance Gifts		
Various Persons	50.00	
		$ 988.69

PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excises		
Various Persons	37,328.96	
Farm Animal Excises		
Various Persons	504.40	
Sale Tax Title Property		
Various Persons	2,660.54	
Total Commercial Revenue		$ 41,482.59

COMMERCIAL REVENUE-DEPARTMENTAL

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Sewage Disposal Permits	100.00	
Dump Stickers	129.00	
	229.00	

HIGHWAYS

Joint Maintenance - State		
Chapter 90 Construction	8,050.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	7,000.00	
	15,050.00	
Highway Machinery Rentals	12,491.40	
Highway Insurance Adjustment		
Wor. Mutual Fire Ins.	340.14	
All Other	6.00	
Total Revenue: Departmental		$ 28,116.54

COMMERCIAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES

Care of Lots		
Various Persons	$ 200.00	

COMMERCIAL REVENUE - INTEREST

Charges Due Collector	122.00	
On Deferred Taxes	791.75	
On Tax Titles	1,569.63	
Leins	12.00	
On Motor Vehicle Excises	218.44	
From Alden Fund	1,340.99	
On Cemetery Trust Funds	991.45	
All Other		
Wor. Co. Nat. Bank (Anticipation of Revenue Notes)	151.66	
Comm. of Mass. (Highway Notes)	38.78	
	190.44	
		$ 5,236.70

AGENCY - TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding	$ 16,294.09	
County Retirement	2,272.54	
State Withholding	4,734.78	
	23,301.41	
Dog Licenses for County	713.15	
Group Insurance	2,446.86	
		26,461.42

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds		
General Departments	168.53	
New Elementary School	40,000.00	
Schools	469.96	
	40,638.49	

Transfers		
Federal Revenue Sharing	4,220.85	
School Building Committee Exp.	703.75	
		$ 45,563.09

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Liquor Licenses	850.00	
Used Car Sales	60.00	
Milk	5.00	
Gun Permits	244.00	
All Other	129.00	
Total Licenses and Permits		$ 1,288.00

FINES

Court	10.00	
Library	47.09	
Total Fines		57.09

GRANTS AND GIFTS
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

ESEA - Title II (Schools)	5,000.00	5,000.00

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND

State Grants	2,128.61	
Sale of Lunches	3,203.00	
Transferred from School Acct.	1,500.00	
Total School Lunches		$ 6,831.61

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Comm. of Mass.	4,630.00	4,630.00

TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION

Comm. of Mass.	19,142.91	19,142.91

SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE

Comm. of Mass.	$ 32,685.50	$ 32,685.50
Total General Revenue		$400,806.18

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
Expended
FISCAL 1975

ACCOUNT		
Moderator	$ 40.00	
Selectmen	1,681.76	
Accounting	1,149.33	
Treasurer	1,475.64	
Tax Collector	1,627.50	
Assessors	1,436.83	
Town Clerk	1,275.13	
Planning Board	60.19	
Law Department	100.00	
Elections & Registrations	1,101.95	
Town Hall Maintenance	4,377.71	
Charges Due Collector	122.00	$ 14,448.04

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	9,989.29	
Fire Department	8,726.77	
Civil Defense	0.00	
Inspection of Wires	200.00	
Dog Officer	705.52	
Insect Pest Control	100.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	831.15	
Tree Warden	501.50	
Building Inspector	12.00	
Compensation Insurance	1,440.20	
		22,506.43

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health	621.54
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Town Dump	3,749.40

Wach. Home Health Care Agency	25.00	
		4,445.94

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

Chapt. 90 Maint.	$ 2,110.07	
Chapt. 90 Improve.	22,566.06	
Highway Maint.		
Chapt. 1140 Sec. 22	6,490.80	
Highway Materials		
Chapt. 1140 Sec. 6	2,493.75	
General Highway Maint.		
Chapt. 1140	3,510.90	
Snow Removal & Sanding	21,980.29	
Highway Maint. & Improv.		
Chapt. 825	5,812.89	
Highway Department	4,394.23	
Vacation, Sick Leave & Holi.	2,344.00	
Street Lights	1,352.09	
Highway Safety Program	2,650.00	
		$ 75,705.08

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans Services	$ 8,993.10	$ 8,993.10

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

Schools	262,661.62	
Library	6,218.81	
		269,879.43

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Care of Town Common	198.50
Wright Park Maint.	120.00
Summer Recreation Program	1,062.00
Parks and Recreation	148.50
Board of Appeals	29.25
Memorial Day Observances	117.53
Bicentennial Committee	60.00
Finance Committee	100.00
Annual Reports	939.00
County Retirement System	1,605.74
Cent. Mass. Reg. Plan. Comm.	94.90
County Tax	11,263.70

Stabilization Fund*	50,000.00	
Revenue*	24,900.00	
4-H Clubs	143.63	
		$ 90,782.75
		(15,882.75)

CEMETERIES

Cemeteries	2,480.74	2,480.74

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	3,083.54	
Maturing Debt	77,569.00	
		80,652.54

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Payroll Deductions	27,389.59	
Group Insurance	5,147.86	
Dog Licenses for County	596.15	
Alden Fund Payments	1,239.81	
		34,373.41

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1974

AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1975

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative		
Salaries and Wages	$ 40.00	$ 40.00
Selectmen		
Salaries and Wages		
Members	680.00	
Clerk	150.00	
Printing, Stationery & Post.	28.10	
Advertising	98.75	
Telephone	568.02	
All Other	156.89	
		1,681.76
Auditing Department		
Town Accountant's Salary	700.00	
Printing, Stationery & Post.	88.55	
All Other	360.78	
		1,149.33
Treasury Department		
Treasurer's Salary	700.00	
Clerk's Salary	100.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	475.36	
Surety Bond		
Krussell Ins. Agency	116.00	
All Other	84.28	
		1,475.64
Collector's Department		
Collector's Salary	700.00	
Clerk's Salary	125.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	415.90	
Surety Bond		
Robert A. Parker	158.00	
All Other	228.60	
		1,627.50

Assessor's Department		
Wages and Salaries		
Assessors	700.00	
Clerk	250.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	174.50	
All Other		
Clean & Repair Adding Mach.	120.90	
Dues, Supplies etc.	191.43	
		$ 1,436.83
Planning Board		
Supplies and Expenses	60.19	
		60.19
Law Department		
Town Counsel	100.00	
		100.00
Town Clerk's Department		
Salaries and Wages		
Town Clerk	700.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	102.64	
Surety Bond	20.00	
Equipment		
Typewriter		
Commonwealth Stationers	322.00	
All Other		
Supplies, Exp. etc.	130.49	
		1,275.13
Elections and Registrations		
Election Officers		
State Primaries	126.00	
State Elections	167.00	
Annual Town Election	102.00	
Annual Town Meeting	4.00	
Registrations	50.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	197.05	
Census		
Sigrid Fontaine	100.00	
Equipment Repair	30.90	

All Other			
Ballot Box			
S. Ralph Cross & Sons		315.00	
Postage		10.00	
			1,101.95
Other			
Charges Due Collector			
Tax Collector		122.00	
			122.00
Town Hall Maintenance			
Salaries and Wages			
Custodian-Robert Phoenix		135.00	
Fuel			
Stone's Oil Service		2,282.50	
Light			
Mass. Electric Co.		848.92	
Janitor's Supplies		9.57	
Repairs			
Sander Rental		130.36	
Supplies		57.16	
Insurance			
Krussell Ins. Agency		659.20	
I. E. Irish Inc.		255.00	
			$ 4,377.71

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department			
Salaries and Wages			
Chief	$	2,830.00	
Others		2,726.20	
Answering Service		1,317.10	
		6,873.30	
Telephone			
N.E.T. & T. Co.		404.52	
Equipment and Repairs			
Chuck's Radio & TV Service		200.00	
Airway Communications		164.93	
Beard Motors		127.72	
Radar Repairs		89.00	
United Laboratories		54.46	
		636.11	

Uniforms etc.			
Mobile Fire Ext. Co.	$ 731.17		
Bergers	154.15		
	885.32		
Guns, Ammunition etc.			
M. V. Baker	333.90		
Others	200.67		
	534.57		
Supplies			
United Laboratories	266.56		
Others			
Gas and Oil			
Radio Oil Co.	176.36		
All Other	212.55		
		$	9,989.29
Fire Department			
Salaries and Wages			
Chief	341.00		
Firemen	697.55		
Red Phone Operators	639.88		
Training Course	66.00		
			1,744.43
Equipment and Repairs			
Portable Mobile Unit			
General Electric	995.00		
Taylor Auto Body	175.00		
Mobile Fire Ext.	88.85		
			1,258.85
Supplies			
Mobile Fire Ext.	585.00		
Other	147.69		
	732.69		
Hose			
Mobile Fire Ext.	870.00		
Gasoline			
Radio Oil Co.	125.85		
Fuel and Light			
Stone's Oil Service	433.72		
Mass. Electric	223.01		
	656.73		

Telephone		
N.E.T. & T. Co.	$ 422.49	
Insurance		
Krussell Ins. Agency	1,583.71	
All Other		
United Laboratories	611.57	
Mobile Fire Ext.	51.00	
Kem Mfg. Co.	275.10	
Whitehead Chem. Co.	348.25	
Others	46.10	
	1,332.02	
		$ 8,726.77
Building Inspector		
Inspector's Mileage	12.00	12.00
Insect Pest Control		
H. Roscoe Crawford	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden		
Warden	188.00	
Various Persons	313.50	
		501.50
Workmen's Compensation		
Krussell Ins. Agency	1,440.20	1,440.20
Dog Officer		
Dennis Casault	502.69	
Holden Animal Shelter	154.00	
Agway Inc.	48.83	
		705.52
Dutch Elm Disease Control		
Wages and Salaries		
H. Roscoe Crawford	450.00	
Various Persons	331.75	
Town Equipment	44.40	
		831.15
Wire Inspector		
Salaries and Wages	200.00	200.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Inspection of Animals			
Henry W. Stone, Jr.	$ 50.00		50.00
Board of Health			
Materials and Supplies			
Howe Lumber Co.	190.39		
Agway Inc.	90.00		
Mobile Fire Ext.	113.77		
Other	72.41		
	466.57		
Telephone			
N.E.T. & T. Co	28.87		
Dues, Expenses etc.	151.10		
			646.54
Town Dump			
Wages and Salaries			
Various Persons	779.60		
Town Equipment			
Rentals	681.35		
Bulldozing			
Vandale Inc.	420.00		
Materials			
Howe Lumber Co.	235.95		
Supplies and Equipment			
Kelly Square Tire Co.	1,153.74		
Mann's	122.90		
All Other	166.05		
Telephone	62.71		
Services			
Various Persons	127.10		
		$	3,749.40

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - JULY 1, 1974 - JUNE 30, 1975

Account	Labor	Town Equipment	Hired Equipment	Materials & Supplies	Totals
Chapter 90 Cons.		0	0	0	0
Chapter 90 Maint.	231.75	878.32	1000.00		2,110.07
Chapter 90 Imp.	1,584.75	583.75		20,397.56	22,566.06
Spec. Hwy. Maint.	5,254.50	1,236.30			6,490.80
Spec. Hwy. Material		417.00	1,254.00	822.75	2,493.75
Sp. Town Mtng, Road Maint.	2,553.00	657.90	300.00		3,510.90
Snow Removal & Sanding	12,065.92	4,532.45		5,381.92	21,980.29
Chapt. 825	4,137.00	1,144.30		531.59	5,812.89
Totals	25,826.92	9,450.02	2,554.00	27,133.82	64,964.76

HIGHWAY MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Gas & Oil		
Radio Oil	$ 3,397.99	
Texas Refinery	771.45	
G. K. Schmidt Co.	46.90	
	4,216.34	
Fuel Oil		
Stone's Oil Service	595.48	
Repairs & Parts		
Day Bros.	120.74	
Christie & Thomson	702.08	
Klem Tractor Sales (new saw & parts)	446.68	
Wain-Roy Inc.	122.05	
Advance Bearing	15.82	
Kelley Sq. Tire	364.40	
Ken Jones, Inc.	585.10	
Casey & Dupuis	141.13	
Carl Heinrich Co. (new Transit)	520.50	
International Harvester Co.	101.46	
Herrick & Sons	26.00	
Gordon Young	12.00	
Hubb Equip. Maint. Co.	318.50	
J. C. Lane	37.45	
Swenson's Garage	12.00	
Billings Auto Supply	5.70	
Garwood	5.40	
Tri-County Contr. Supply	75.00	
Atlantic Broom	201.94	
Dean Co.	128.00	
C. N. Wood (repairs on loader)	1,329.86	
Airco Welding Supply	14.46	
Richard Bugbee	102.92	
W. E. Aubuchon	2.19	
Howe Lumber Co.	3.80	
Total	10,207.00	
Street Lights		
Mass. Electric Co.	$ 1,352.09	$ 1,500.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

Telephone NET & T	$	294.49
Power - Mass. Electric		173.21
Insurance - Krusell Ins. Agency		1,931.90
Fuel - Stone's Oil Service		102.63
Labor - Various persons		332.38
Supplies		
United Laboratories		295.70
Christie & Thomson		57.16
Donel Supply		96.02
Howe Lumber Co.		236.21
W. E. Aubuchon		29.98
Central Office Supply		49.27
Tri-County Contr. Supply (partial payment for line-striper)		450.98
Airco Welding Supply		112.32
Mobile Fire Extinguisher		80.25
All other		151.73
Total		4,394.23
Holiday Vacation Account		
Various persons		2,344.00

NEWLY PURCHASED EQUIPMENT
Fiscal '75

Account	Item Purchased	Amount
Article 8 Spec. Town Meeting	Road signs	1,805.98
Article 8 Spec. Town Meeting	Line Striper	844.02
Highway Dept. Acct.		450.98

(Note: Total amounts of above was reimbursed through Highway Safety Program)

Revenue Sharing	1950 Road Grader	3,000.00

VETERANS' SERVICES

Expenses and Travel		
Agent's Expenses	$ 64.45	
Ordinary Allowances		
Food	788.00	
Cash Benefits	3,271.40	
	4,059.40	
Fuel	664.13	
Medical Benefits		
Hospital Charges	2,987.56	
Physicians	585.00	
All Other	252.75	
	3,825.31	
All Other		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	299.81	
Other	80.00	
	379.81	
		$ 8,993.10

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

School Union 63		
Teachers Salaries	5,605.15	
Expenses	1,480.10	
Travel	167.75	
	7,253.00	
		7,253.00
Elementary School		
Instruction		
Teachers' Salaries	76,188.17	
Expenses	23,840.53	
Travel	169.63	
	100,198.33	
Health Services		
Salaries	1,265.00	
Expenses	550.00	
	1,815.00	

Transportation		
W. L. Stewart	$ 18,526,23	
Operation of Plant		
Salaries	3,549.00	
Expenses	3,696.12	
	7,245.12	
Student Athletics		
Expenses	15.69	
Transfers		
To School Lunch	2,260.00	
Insurance	59.71	
Equipment	250.00	
Tuition	1,841.31	
		$132,211.39
Quabbin Regional		
School Assessment	110,383.00	110,383.00
ESEA Programs		
Title II	1,763.47	
Title III	2,068.00	3,831.47
School Lunch Program		
Wages and Salaries	4,216.80	
Expenses	3,912.21	
		8,129.01
All Other		
School Committee Salaries	150.00	
School Site Acquistion	703.75	
		853.75
Total Schools		$262,661.62

LIBRARY

Trustees' Salaries	$ 50.00	
Salaries and Wages		
Librarian	2,365.50	
Assistants	175.00	
Custodian	226.00	
	2,766.50	

Books and Periodicals		
Books	$ 1,153.99	
Periodicals	191.12	
	1,345.11	
Telephone	138.47	
Fuel		
Stone's Oil Service	1,081.51	
Light		
Mass. Electric Co.	155.72	
All Other	681.50	
		$ 6,218.81

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

RECREATION

Care of Town Common		
Wages and Salaries		
Various Persons	134.25	
All Other	64.25	
		$ 198.50
Wright Park Maintenance		
Stephen Paradise	120.00	120.00
Summer Recreation Program		
Wages and Salaries	1,062.00	1,062.00
Parks and Recreation		
Supplies		
Toys and Arts and		
Crafts Supplies	93.56	
Food	54.94	
		148.50

UNCLASSIFIED

Board of Appeals		
Forms	29.25	29.25
Memorial Day Observances		
Flags, Wreaths etc.	117.53	117.53

Bicentennial Committee		
Printing and Binding	$ 60.00	$ 60.00
Annual Reports		
Hillside Printing	939.00	939.00
Finance Committee		
Hillside Printing	94.00	
Handbooks	6.00	
		100.00
Worcester County Tax		
County Treasurer	11,263.70	11,263.70
4-H Clubs		
Repairs to Equipment		
Wallace Boulette	104.75	
All Other	38.88	
		143.63
Worcester County Retirement Assessment		
County Treasurer	1,605.74	1,605.74
Cent. Mass. Reg. Plan. Dist.	94.90	94.90
Stabilization Fund		
Deposits		
Appropriation at Annual Town Meeting	10,000.00	
Returned from School Building Account	40,000.00	
Approp. at Spec. Town Meeting	24,900.00	
		$ 74,900.00
		$ 89,253.75

CEMETERIES

Wages and Salaries		
Committee Salaries	$ 50.00	
Labor		
Various Persons	1,840.52	
Clerk	15.00	
Trees and Shrubs	53.75	
Equipment & repairs	210.30	
All Other	311.17	
		$ 2,480.74

INTEREST

Anticipation of Revenue Loan	$ 1,624.94	
Chapter 81 Highway Loan	633.60	
Highway Loader Loan	825.00	
		$ 3,083.54

MATURING DEBT

Anticipation of Revenue Loan	$ 60,000.00	
Chapter 81 Highway Loan	12,069.00	
Highway Loader Loan	5,500.00	
		77,569.00

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds		
On Taxes		
Various Persons	$ 568.12	
On Excise Taxes	670.58	
	1,238.17	
Transfers		
Reserve Fund	76.60	
School	448.21	
	524.81	
		$ 1,763.51

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding	$ 19,333.03	
State Withholding	5,595.00	
County Retirement	2,461.56	
	27,389.59	
Dog Licenses		
Worc. County Treasurer	596.15	
Group Insurance		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	5,147.86	
Alden Fund		
Baskets and Flowers	386.66	
Cash Grants		
Various Persons	853.15	
	$ 1,239.81	
		$ 34,373.41

REVENUE SHARING

RECEIPTS

Unapprop. Bal. July 1, 1974		$ 8,956.44
Adjustment		56.28
Bal. Avail. July 1, 1975		9,012.72
Grants Received in Fiscal '75		
July 31, 1974	$ 2,911.00	
Oct. 31, 1974	1,516.00	
Jan. 16, 1975	1,516.00	
May 30, 1975	1,516.00	
	7,459.00	
Interest Received in Fiscal '75		
Oct. 22, 1974	438.47	
Jan. 16, 1975	207.91	
May 30, 1975	125.32	
	771.70	
	$ 8,230.70	
Total Funds Avail. in Fiscal '75		$ 17,243.42
Funds Approp. in Fiscal '75 For:		
Cemeteries	1,800.00	
Fire Depart.	3,000.00	
Police Department	3,000.00	
Highway Department	3,000.00	
Town Dump	2,267.00	
Road Grader (Used)	3,000.00	
		$ 16,067.00
Unappropriated Balance June 30, 1975		1,176.42

EXPENDITURES

Police Department	4,352.96
Fire Department	4,492.95
Cemetery Department	1,800.00
Highway Department	3,000.00
	$ 13,645.91

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

School Construction Contract		
W. R. Sanders Co. Inc.	$432,058.73	$432,058.73
Architect		
John Chornyak	9,747.66	9,747.66
Debt and Interest		
Interest		
Worc. Co. Nat. Bank	2,162.45	
Farmers Home Loan Admin.	9,233.56	
	11,396.01	
Principal		
Farmers Home Loan Admin.	11,000.00	
	22,396.01	22,396.01
Water Supply		
Montachusett Pump Co.	2,173.51	2,173.51
Concrete		
R. T. Curtis Co. Inc.	400.00	400.00
Insurance		
Krussell Ins. Agency	1,953.00	1,953.00
Fuel		
Stone's Oil Service	2,292.46	2,292.46
Supplies and Equipment		
Cascade School Supplies	10,728.60	
Paper Trading Corp.	5,340.14	
Klem Tractor	2,536.00	
G. E. Stimpson Inc.	1,526.67	
Casson Corp.	1,382.61	
United Laborotories	747.75	
Mobile Fire Ext.	248.80	
Wolverine Sports Supply	983.67	
		23,494.24
Site Development		
Penn Culvert Co.	1,326.50	
Worcester Foundry	583.00	
Southeast Cons. Co.	668.89	
H. K. Bigelow Inc.	350.00	
Hired Equipment	6,323.00	
Town Equipment	2,074.80	
Labor	10,354.92	
		21,681.11
All Other	432.72	432.72
Total		$516,629.44

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oakham in the County of Worcester.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Selectmen of the Town of Oakham, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in Memorial Hall, also known as the Town Hall, Coldbrook Road, on Monday the fifth day of April next at 12 noon at which time the polls will be opened for the purpose of the election of Town Officers and for voting on such matters as may be voted for on the official ballot: the polls shall remain open until 8 P.M. at which time the meeting shall be adjourned until 8 P.M. on the Second Monday of April, the twelfth, at which time the Annual Business Meeting will be called to order in the new Elementary School on Coldbrook Road, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of the several town officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Town Clerk, one School Committee Member, one Library Trustee, one Moderator, one Board of Health Member and one Cemetery Committee Member, all for three year terms; one Planning Board member for a five year term, one Board of Health Member for a two year term and one Board of Health Member for a one year term.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108, Chapter 41, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow for men and equipment used in repairing highways and opening roads during the fiscal year beginning July 1 1976.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury such sums of money as are necessary to pay salaries, expenses and outlays of the several Town departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 1976, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given, for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from the Overlay Surplus a sum of money for the purposes of a Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury for use to help reduce the tax levey for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1976, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept any trust funds which may be left to the Town for the care of Cemeteries or for any other purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To hear the report of the School Building Committee and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to name the new elementary school the "Jesse Allen School" and provide funds to cover the expense of making and installing

a new sign for the front of the building, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an historical Commission under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Sec. 8d, to be composed of six members for terms of three years except that initial appointment shall be two members for one year, two members for two years and two members for three years and two members to be appointed each year thereafter, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for use by the Board of Assessors in connection with their Revaluation Program, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed $250.00, for the continued maintenance treatment of Aquatic Weed and Algae Control of Dean Pond for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1976, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to make certain repairs and/or additions to the Highway Department building and raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the cost thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of $12,000 for use to help meet the cost of resurfacing certain Town Roads, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to investigate the need, location and cost of a new Highway Department Building, this committee to be composed of five members and to be appointed by the Moderator, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any funds available for Chapter 90 Construction of New Braintree Road and authorize the Selectmen to use these funds for Chapter 90 Improvements, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of the Building Inspector, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Housing Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the law(s) relating thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a long carriage typewriter for the use of the Assessors and/or various other officials of the Town and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the cost thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of the Board of Appeals, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to combine certain insurance policies now held by the Town into one "blanket" policy and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the cost thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to provide Public Official Liability coverage for certain Town Officials, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the cost thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new check disburser for the Treasurer and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the cost thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in three public places in said Town seven days at least before time of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings as aforesaid to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given unto our hands this twenty fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy six.

Roger H. Lonergan
James Barringer
Hazel M. Young

INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 1976 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977

To the Citizens of Oakham:

Due to a conflict with the State Presidential Primary and as a result of an amendment to the By-Laws of the Town the date of the Annual Town Meeting and Election was again changed, this time to the First and Second Mondays of April. It is hoped that these dates will be retained for some time.

Polling hours for the election of Town Officers and for voting on any questions which may appear on the official ballot will be from 12 noon until 8 P.M. on Monday, April fifth. The Annual Business Meeting will be held in the new elementary school on Monday, April 12th. starting at 8 P. M.

No plans are being made at the present time to hold a pre-town meeting discussion meeting.

Since these are very difficult times for all of us but particularily for the property owners and those with fixed incomes we have made every effort to keep our recommendations as limited as possible while at the same time providing enough funds to carry on the necessary affairs of the Town.

We again ask all town officials to keep their requests and expenditures to the minimum required to carry out their duties and responsibilities and we ask the citzens to continue their cooperation and understanding during the coming year.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Article Six

Classification	Raised Fiscal 1976	Recommended Fiscal 1977	Difference
General Govern't	$ 13,742.00	$ 19,388.00	$+5,646.00
Public Safety	16,150.00	16,250.00	+ 100.00
Health & San.	4,900.00	3,400.00	-1,500.00
Streets & Highw.	29,000.00	29,650.00	+ 650.00
Public Assistance	7,250.00	7,500.00	+ 250.00
Schools & Library	277,828.00	266,374.00	-11,454.00
Recreat. & Unclass.	9,682.97	14,001.01	+4,318.04
Cemeteries	1,400.00	1,400.00	Same
Interest & Debt.	65,680.00	62,800.00	-2,880.00
	$425,632.97	$420,763.01	$-4,869.96
Special Articles	42,385.00	39,500.00*	-2,885.00**
Totals	$468,017.97	$460,263.01	$-7,754.96

**Note this figure is based on estimates of amounts to be requested and on the assumption that all Special Articles are approved.

Note: The recommendations on this and the following pages are based on the information available at the time the report was prepared. Some of the recommendations may be changed at the time of the Annual Town Meeting if conditions so warrant.

SPECIAL ARTICLES
1975 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

	Raised Fiscal 1976	Proposed Fiscal 1977	Difference
Art. 8-Highways	$ 7,475.00	$	$
Art. 9-Highways	1,381.00		
Art. 11-Res. Fund	3,000.00		
Art. 13-Sch.Bldg.Co.	100.00		
Art. 15-Stabl.Fund	5,000.00		
Art. 16-Bicent.Aniv.	100.00		
	$ 17,056.00		

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 30, 1975

Art. 1-Revalua.	$ 950.00
Art. 2-Weed Contr.	190.00
Art. 3-Highw.Truck	19,659.00
Art. 4-Highw.Sand.	4,430.00
	$ 25,229.00
Art. 8-Brd.Appeals	100.00
Total	$ 42,385.00

1976 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Art. 8-Res. Fund	3,000.00
Art.10-Stabil.Fund	10,000.00
Art.16-Revalua.	10,000.00*
Art.17-Weed Cont.	200.00
Art.18-High.Build.	5,000.00
Art.19-High.Maint.	12,000.00
Art.22-Build.Insp.	200.00
Art.24-Punch.Type.	500.00
Art.25-Bd.of Appeals	100.00
Art.26-Blanket Ins.	9,000.00**
Art.27-Town Offic. Liab. Insur.	3,000.00*
Totals	$ 39,500.00

*These figures are estimates and are used for comparison purposes only.

**These funds should be balanced by reductions in appropriations for individual accounts and were not included in arriving at the above total.

ARTICLE 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 2. Election of officers by ballot.

ARTICLE 3. Election of officers not required to be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE 4. To fix the salaries of all elective officers.

Office	Salary Fiscal '76	Recommended Fiscal '77
Moderator	$ 40.00	$ 40.00
Selectmen	680.00	680.00
Treasurer	700.00	700.00
Tax Collector	700.00	700.00
Assessors	700.00	700.00
Town Clerk	700.00	700.00
School Committee	150.00	150.00
Library Trustees	50.00	50.00
Cemetery Committee	50.00	50.00

ARTICLE 5. To see what Compensation the Town will pay for men and equipment used on the streets and highways. Recommended that this matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 6. To pay expenses and outlays of the various departments.

Item	Department	Expended Fiscal 1975	Raised Fiscal 1976	Recommended Fiscal 1977
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1	Moderator	$ 40.00	$ 40.00	40.00
2	Selectmen			
	Salaries	680.00	680.00	680.00
	Clerk	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Expenses	851.76	670.00	700.00
		$ 1,681.76	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,530.00
3	Accounting			
	Accountant	700.00	700.00	700.00
	Expenses	449.33	600.00	400.00
		$ 1,149.33	$ 1,300.00	1,100.00
4	Treasury			
	Salary	700.00	700.00	700.00
	Clerk	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Expenses	675.64	932.00	1,180.00
	Check Disburser			1,048.00*
		$ 1,475.64	$ 1,732.00	3,028.00
5	Tax Collector			
	Collector	700.00	700.00	700.00
	Clerk	125.00	125.00	125.00

5	Expenses	$ 802.50	$ 1,100.00	$ 845.00
	Bonds			280.00
		$ 1,627.50	$ 1,925.00	$ 1,950.00
6	Assessors			
	Salaries	700.00	700.00	700.00
	Clerk	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Expenses	486.83	1,350.00	950.00
		$ 1,436.83	$ 2,300.00	$ 1,900.00
7	Planning Board			
	Expenses	60.19	100.00	100.00
8	Legal Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
9	Elections & Registrations			
	Salaries	499.00	510.00	680.00
	Expenses	602.95	325.00	150.00
		$ 1,101.95	$ 835.00	$ 830.00

*See special article 28.

10	Town Clerk			
	Salary	$ 700.00	$ 700.00	$ 700.00
	Expenses	575.13	460.00	560.00
		$ 1,275.13	$ 1,160.00	$ 1,260.00
11	Town Hall Maintenance			
	Salaries	135.00	200.00	500.00
	Fuel	2,282.50	1,250.00	1,500.00
	Light	848.92	650.00	500.00
	Repairs	187.52	150.00	5,000.00
	Insurance	914.20	450.00	
	Other	9.57	50.00	50.00
		$ 4,377.71	$ 2,750.00	$ 7,550.00
Totals		$ 14,326.04	$ 13,742.00	$19,388.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

15	Police Department			
	Salaries			
	Chief & Offic.	$ 5,556.20	$ 2,900.00	$ 2,900.00
	Dispatchers	1,317.10	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Expenses	3,115.99	2,900.00	2,900.00
		$ 9,989.29*	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00

*Includes Revenue Sharing Funds.

16	Fire Department			
	Salaries			
	Chief & Firemen	1,038.55	$ 900.00	$ 900.00
	Dispatchers	639.88	400.00	400.00
	Expenses	7,048.34	3,700.00	3,700.00
		$8,726.77	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
17	Inspect.of Wires	200.00	100.00	100.00
18	Insect Pest Con.	100.00	100.00	100.00
19	Dutch Elm Dis.Con.	831.15	600.00	600.00
20	Tree Warden	501.50	350.00	350.00
21	Dog Officer	705.52	500.00	500.00
22	Civil Defense	0.00	0.00	100.00
23	Compens. Insur.	1,440.20	2,500.00	2,500.00
		$ 22,494.43	$ 16,150.00	$16,250.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

30	Board of Health	646.54	$ 250.00	$ 250.00
31	Town Dump	3,749.40	4,000.00	2,500.00
32	Insp. of Animals	50.00	50.00	50.00
33	Wach.Home Health Care Agency	0.00	600.00	600.00
		$ 4,445.94	$ 4,900.00	$ 3,400.00

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

38	Snow Removal & Sanding	$ 21,980.29	$ 20,000.00	$20,000.00
39	Street Lights	1,352.09	1,500.00	1,500.00
40	Vac.Sick Leave & Overtime	2,344.00	3,150.00	3,150.00
41	Highway Depart.	4,394.23	4,350.00	5,000.00
		$ 30,070.61	$ 29,000.00	$29,650.00

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND VETERANS SERVICES

46	Veterans Serv. Agents Exp.	$ 64.45	$	$ 500.00
	Grants, Benefits etc.	8,928.65	7,250.00	7,000.00
		$ 8,993.10	$ 7,250.00	$ 7,500.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

50	Schools			
	Comm. Sal.	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	150.00
	Center Sch.	132,211.39	131,580.00	140,169.00
	Union 63	7,253.00	10,412.00	7,620.00
	Quab.Reg.	110,383.00	130,686.00	109,000.00
	Music Collab.			4,435.00
		$249,997.30	$272,828.00	$261,374.00
51	Library			
	Sal. & Wages	2,766.50	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Expenses	3,402.31	3,200.00	3,200.00
	Trustees Sal.	50.00	50.00	50.00
		$ 6,218.81	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
		$256,216.11	$277,828.00	$266,374.00

For School Budgets see pages 60 thru 63

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

55	Care of Town Common	$ 198.50	$ 200.00	$ 200.00
56	Wright Park Maintenance	120.00	200.00	200.00
57	Memorial Day Observance	117.53	100.00	100.00
58	Care of Town Clock	0.00	50.00	50.00
59	4-H Clubs	143.63	150.00	150.00
60	Annual Reports	939.00	900.00	950.00
61	Worc. County Retirem.	1,605.74	3,938.07	7,706.11

62	Group Ins.	$ 5,147.86	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,500.00
63	Cent.Mass.Reg. Plan.District	94.90	94.90	94.90
64	Finance Comm.	100.00	100.00	100.00
65	Parks & Recrea.	148.50	150.00	150.00
66	Summer Recrea. Program	1,062.00	800.00	800.00
		$ 9,677.66	$ 9,682.97	$14,001.01

CEMETERIES

75	Comm.Sal.	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
	Wages & Exp.	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
		$ 1,400.00	$ 1,400.00	$ 1,400.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

80	Interest On Temporary Loans	$ 3,083.54	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
	On School Loan		$ 29,680.00	27,800.00
		$ 3,083.54	$ 32,680.00	$30,800.00
81	Maturing Debt School Build. Loan		33,000.00	32,000.00
		$ 3,083.54	$ 65,680.00	$62,800.00

ARTICLE 7. To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue.
Recommended.

ARTICLE 8. To provide funds for the purposes of a Reserve Fund.
Recommended that the sum of $3,000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLE 9. To appropriate funds for use to reduce the amount of the Tax Levy for Fiscal 1977.
Recommendation to be made at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 10. To transfer funds from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account.
Recommended that any funds in the Machinery Fund on July 1, 1976 be transferred to the Machinery Account.

ARTICLE 11. To accept trust funds that may be left to the Town for any purpose.
Recommended.

ARTICLE 12. To provide funds for the purposes of the Stabilization.
Recommended that the sum of $10,000 be provided for this purpose.

ARTICLE 13. To hear the report of the School Building Committee.
Recommendation to be made at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14. To name the new elementary school the "Jesse Allen School".
No recommendation as to the name of the school but recommend that no Town funds be used to replace sign if so voted.

ARTICLE 15. To establish an Historical Commission.
Recommendation to be made at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16. To provide funds for use by the Board of Assessors in connection with their Revaluation Program.
Recommendation to be made at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17. To provide funds to be used in connection with the weed control program for Dean Pond.
Recommended - Not to exceed $200.

ARTICLE 18. To provide funds for repairs and/or additions to the Highway Department Building.
Recommended that the sum of $5,000 be provided for this purpose.

ARTICLE 19. To provide funds to help meet the cost of resurfacing certain Town Roads.
Recommended that a sum not to exceed $12,000 be provided.

ARTICLE 20. To establish a committee to investigate the need, location and cost of a new highway building.
Recommended that such a committee be formed and instructed to report back at the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 21. To transfer funds from Chapter 90 Construction to Chapter 90 Maintenance.
Recommended.

ARTICLE 22. To provide funds for the purposes of a building inspector.
Recommended that the sum of $200 be provided for this purpose.

ARTICLE 23. To establish a Housing Authority.
Recommendation to be made at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 24. To provide a long carriage typewriter for the Board of Assessors.
Recommended that this typewriter be provided with the understanding that it will be available for use by other town officials when it is not being used by the Assessors.

ARTICLE 25. To provide funds for the Board of Appeals.
Recommended that the sum of $100. be provided for this purpose.

ARTICLE 26. To authorize the Selectmen to combine certain Insurance Policies into one blanket policy and to provide funds therefor.
Recommended. Amount of funds required to be recommended at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 27. To provide Public Official Liability Insurance for certain Town Officials.
Recommendation to be made at Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 28. To purchase a new check disburser for the Treasurer.
Recommendation to be made at Annual Town Meeting.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE DEPARTMENT	882-3347
TO REPORT A FIRE	882-5555
Fire Station	882-5556
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	
Town Garage	882-5556
TOWN HALL	
Selectmen	882-5549
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	882-3392
LIBRARY	882-3372
TOWN CLERK	882-3356